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Mum who lost her baby son to mitochondrial disease speaks of her joy over Tuesday's vote in Parliament

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A COUPLE whose baby boy died from a form of mitochondrial disease are jubilant after politicians voted in favour to allow mitochondrial replacement.

Claire and Bob Wright's son, Jacob, died on April 2, 2012, aged just 16 months, after being diagnosed with Leigh's Disease.

Mitochondrial diseases are caused by cells failing to function and symptoms include poor growth, loss of muscle co-ordination along with visual and hearing problems.

Mr and Mrs Wright, of Stewards Close, Sutton, have been campaigning for mitochondrial replacement to be legalised ever since their son passed away.

Mrs Wright, 40, was among many parents who have lost children to mitochondrial diseases who were in Parliament on Tuesday when politicians voted in favour to allow the treatment. Local MPs Sir Jim Paice and Steve Barclay both voted in favour.

She said: "It was an amazing moment and the vote that we and so many other parents had been so desperate to hear.

"I was in the public gallery, as were many other people who have lost children to mitochondrial diseases, and it was an emotional day to say the least. We were all in tears."

Mitochondrial replacement – which used to be illegal under UK law – allows faulty DNA in a moth-

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EMOTIONAL DAY: Claire Wright, whose son Jacob died from a form of mitochondrial disease

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‘Offensive’ staff party cancelled

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SAINSBURY’S in Ely has been forced to cancel an Oscar-style staff awards ceremony after colleagues complained that some of the categories were “offensive”.

Employees at the store, in Lisle Lane, had 17 categories in which they could nominate their colleagues.

Among the categories were ‘Mr/Mrs Chatterbox’, ‘Pure Banter’, ‘Hard Grafter’ and ‘Longest Tea Breaker’.

But it was the top four categories – ‘Rear of the Year Male’, ‘Sexiest Male’, ‘Rear of the Year Female’ and ‘Sexiest Female’ – which caused anger among some members of staff and their families.

The plug has now been pulled on the event, which was scheduled to take place at Ely’s Lighthouse Centre on Saturday, February 28 from 8pm until 2am.

A spokeswoman for Sainsbury’s Supermarkets Ltd said: “The event was organised locally and was cancelled the moment colleagues realised that offence had been caused.”

‘OFFENSIVE’: Part of the awards leaflet, listing the categories

Among those offended by the categories was an employee’s fiancee.

The woman, who did not want to be named, tweeted a photograph of the leaflet, showing the categories, and said: “Does this leave a bad taste in your mouth too, or have I lost my sense of humour?”

Speaking to *Ely News*, she said: “I found the categories, particularly the ones about which colleague was the sexiest or had the best bottom, extremely offensive.

“Not offensive because my partner works there but offensive from a consumer’s point of view.

“I have complained, as have many other people, and it doesn’t satisfy me that the event has now been cancelled.

“The fact that someone authorised it in the first place still resonates with me.”

The Sainsbury’s spokeswoman said: “We have spoken to the store about their events programme going forward.”

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Artists team up for local exhibition

THERE’S a feast of art on display at Ely’s Old Fire Engine House.

Local artists Lyz Gardner and Katrina Wilkie are exhibiting their paintings in a joint exhibition at the quintessentially Ely venue, in St Mary’s Street, this month.

Lyz is showcasing her oil pastel landscape paintings, and Katrina is exhibiting her mixed media masterpieces.

The exhibition opens tomorrow and will be running right the way through to February 28.

The Old Fire Engine House gallery is open from 10.30am-10.30pm Monday to Friday and from 10.30am-5.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

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PERFECT PAINTINGS: Katrina Wilkie, above, and Lyz Gardner are exhibiting their paintings
Pictures: Richard Patterson

PARLIAMENT VOTE

‘This means so much to families but it also means a lot to British science’

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er’s egg to be replaced with healthy DNA from a second woman. The baby would inherit genes from one man and two women.

The process will be used to stop genetic incurable diseases that effect mitochondria in the cells.

Mrs Wright said: “We would have definitely gone for the treatment if it had been available.

“It’s a cruel disease. The people who have had to suffer because of it deserve hope, and this will give people hope.”

Some people with religious beliefs have raised concerns that manipulating genes is a step too far.

Some say that a few years down the road, the process could lead to the creation of designer babies and that it isn’t right that babies could have ‘three parents’.

CRUEL DISEASE: Jacob died at just 16 months old

But Mrs Wright said: “This technique is so important. It will give families a chance to have a happy, healthy child and the chance of being a family.

“The vote in Parliament this week not only means so much to all the families but I think it also means a lot to British science.

“A lot of people forget that this treatment has been debated for around eight years – it’s had more scrutiny than IVF.”

Since Jacob’s death, Mrs Wright has left her job in recruitment to work for the Lily Foundation which raises money into finding a cure for mitochondrial disease.

Mr and Mrs Wright have also set up Team Jacum, which has raised more than £25,000 for the Lily Foundation along with East Anglia’s Children’s Hospices, The Sick Children’s Trust and Brainwave charity.

For details, visit justgiving.com/teams/TeamJacum.

ANIMAL RESCUE

These days it's a dog's life for Fella the pig . . .

ANIMAL PALS: Fella loves to join the dogs on daily walks around Soham – and lying by the fire afterwards
Pictures: Richard Patterson

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MOVE over 'Babe' – there's a new pig in town...

Meet Fella, a larger-than-life, young pig who thinks he's more dog than hog.

Fella, a crossbreed, was rescued from a meat farm in Essex by Emily Keates and her partner, Dustin Graziotti, last year when he was just 13 weeks old.

He was going to be turned into sausages – not the words you want to hear if you're vegan like the Soham couple are.

Without pausing for thought, the couple had the tiny piglet wrapped in blankets (no jokes allowed) in the foot-well of their car, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Fella lives the life of Riley inside the couple's home, in Centre Road. In fact, pop round there in the evening and you're likely to find him curled up next to Emily on the sofa or lazing in front of the fire with their three terriers.

Emily and Dustin, who works for the USAF at Lakenheath and is currently in Korea, have even taught Fella to 'sit' and 'wait', just like their dogs. And in the mornings it is a familiar sight to see the handsome hog and his doggy chums being walked around the streets of Soham – or Wicken Fen Nature Reserve at the weekends.

Emily, 25, who works from home, said: "It's fair to say we're animal mad and we're head over heels in love with Fella. He's so affectionate.

"It's his first birthday next Tuesday so I'm going to give him a big bowl of veg, put a candle in it and Skype Dustin so that we can both sing happy birthday to him."

Emily, who is passionate about promoting veganism, said: "I'll never forget the day we rescued Fella from the meat farm. It's quite haunting to be honest.

"All the pigs were squealing. It was as if they were crying out for help and we both knew we had to take Fella home with us that day.

"The farmer said he would be turning him into sausages, the thought of which makes me feel sick and disgusted."

So what's it like to share your home with a pig?

"It's just like having another dog, but in fact Fella is easier and cleaner than the dogs," says Emily.

"He sleeps with the terriers in our spare bedroom and is allowed to go everywhere in the house, apart from our bedroom. He's fully toilet-trained so doesn't make much mess at all.

"He barks like a dog, loves his walks like a dog and curls up next to you on the sofa like a dog too.

"A 45-minute walk is usually at least an hour for me though as everyone always wants to stop to meet Fella – he's really well known in Soham.

Emily, who has to have a special DEFRA licence to keep Fella, says anyone seeking pig-related advice can email her at eckeates@icloud.com.

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DEVELOPMENT

Plans for homes in the Soham area

EIGHT new homes could be built in the Soham area if three sets of plans submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council are approved.

Peter Drage, of Centre Road, Soham, has applied to build three new homes, complete with access roads and associated site works, on land at 56, Centre Road.

Angela Corbett, of Station Road, Soham, has submitted plans to build a new dwelling, double garage, access and parking on land behind her home.

And Mr P Randall has applied to build four new homes on land east of Randalls Farm in nearby Barway.

Decisions could be made within eight weeks. Visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk to have your say.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Plans to demolish barn

A BARN could be demolished to make way for a new property.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has received plans for a barn at 88, Hillrow, Haddenham, to be knocked down and for a new dwelling to be built at the site. The applicants are Mr and Mrs R Manchett, of Twentypence Road, Wilburton.

To have your say, visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

Join ramblers on walk around city tomorrow

THE local ramblers group's next Ely Social Walk is tomorrow evening. People are invited to meet outside the Liberty Belle micropub at 7.30pm and take on a two-mile stroll around the city. Call 07840 605166.

And the winners are...

CAROLINE Hillman and Claire Smith have won tickets to Ely Cathedral's Sparkling Valentine's Concert next Saturday, thanks to the *Ely News*.

We ran a competition for readers to win two pairs of tickets to the performance, starring pianist Warren Mailley-Smith and soprano, Susan Parkes. It was Caroline, of Beald Way, and Claire, of Chelmer Way, whose entries were selected at random.

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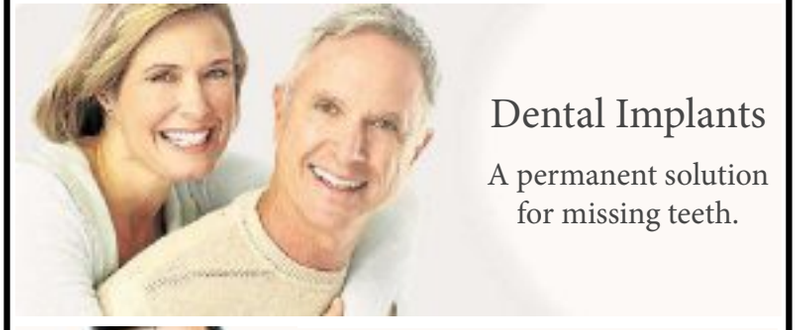

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FUN OF THE FENS: Ella Jessop, 4, took part in the basket making workshop.

Fens-themed fun day is a blast!

THE Fens were the theme of a fun-filled activity day at Ely Museum.

More than 100 people attended the museum's Fenland Fun Day on Saturday.

Visitors of all ages were able to learn how to make a traditional Fenland basket with local artist, Nadine Anderson, and listen to spooky stories by local author Mike Rouse and songs by local musician John Crowe.

There was also an 18th century sailor from Lord Orford's mighty fleet present to tell people about his amazing voyage around the Fens.

Elie Hughes, the museum's curator, said the event was "really fun and well attended". Visit www.elymuseum.org.uk for details about upcoming events.

CCTV

Local security is 'being neglected'

A COMPANY says security in Ely and Soham is being "neglected" as a result of the ongoing lack of CCTV coverage.

Wiltshire-based security firm, AlertSystems, has spoken out over the fact there are areas of Ely and Soham which still have no CCTV coverage.

Speaking to *Ely News* in September, the City of Ely Council said "technical issues" had arisen with a new wireless CCTV system being introduced, and that police had been forced to "increase patrols in key areas".

Penny Williams, owner of 3At3 Delicatessen and Cafe, in Three Cups Walk, is among those affected as the planters on the wall around the business were smashed last month – and police told her there was not much they could do as the CCTV there isn't working.

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She said: "I can't believe there are certain areas of the city which have been without CCTV coverage for months – the council should be ashamed."

A spokesman for AlertSystems said: "The incident in Ely is unfortunately symptomatic of a growing neglect of necessary security protocol in many areas around the country."

The AlertSystems spokesman said: "With a CCTV camera in place, there should have been easily accessible, high-definition footage available to distribute to the relevant authorities in order to help identify those at fault for the criminal damage. Instead, the current system is not even in operation – something that leaves local businesses at risk."

Ely's Mayor, Cllr Lis Every, says the council is aware the issues are "far from satisfactory" and that contractors should start to install the new system this month.

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HISTORY

Book uncovers region's 'gory' past

THE less savoury aspects of Cambridgeshire's history are the focus of an Ely author's new book.

In *Bloody British History: Cambridge*, David Barrowclough, of Broad Street, reveals there is a "history worthy of a great horror movie" when it comes to the scenic county. He said: "From beheadings to bear baiting, I have discovered some truly remarkable periods of gore in Cambridge's past.

"One of the most notable stories is that of 'Oliver Cromwell's travelling skull' which was sold six times after his body was removed from Westminster Cathedral in 1661."

The book, priced at £9.99, is available from Toppings Books in Ely.

AUTHOR: David Barrowclough

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Saudi Arabia is removed from council's investment list

SAUDI Arabia is no longer to be included in East Cambridgeshire District Council's list of 'approved countries for investments'.

Liberal Democrat Cllr Lorna Dupré, whose ward is Sutton, put forward the proposal, which was agreed unanimously by the authority's corporate governance and finance committee at their meeting last week.

Cllr Dupré said: "A regime that executes its own citizens, and those of other countries, brutally and in public; inflicts barbarous punishments on people simply for expressing their views and routinely represses women, is not one which we ought to be having any truck with."

Choice galore for ale lovers

AROUND 2,000 people slaked their thirst at this year's Elysian Winter Beer Festival.

Punters could try out some new tipples, or enjoy an old favourite, at the extravaganza at Ely's Maltings on Friday and Saturday.

The festival, now in its sixth year, is organised by the Ely and District Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

Phil Bambrick, festival organiser, said: "Working with everyone as a team has been fantastic. It is great the way the festival comes together."

Ely CAMRA's next meeting is at The Townhouse, in Market Street, on Friday, February 13. Visit www.ely-camra.org.uk.

CHEERS: Angeles Garces, centre, with fellow students from Spain Picture: Richard Patterson

BUSINESS

New clothes shop in Ely

A CAKE shop and sandwich bar in Ely has been transformed into a funky ladies fashion boutique.

Jenny Laird decided it was "time for a change" and has turned Betty Marshmallow, in Chequer Lane, into Temptation – a boutique which she says is for women "who like to be a little bit different".

CORRECTION

Chef in court for drink driving

AN article about chef Ashley Sargent, who was banned from the wheel after being caught drink driving on New Year's Day, appeared in *Ely News* a few weeks ago.

Our article stated that Sargent, of Bury Lane, Sutton, worked at Alimentum restaurant in Cambridge.

However, while he had worked at the restaurant earlier in the year, we would like to clarify that he was no longer working for Alimentum when he was caught drink driving.

CRACKDOWN

Getting tough on flytippers

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PEOPLE caught flytipping in the Ely area could have their vehicles seized if proposals to deal with the crime "more robustly" are approved.

The CLA, an organisation which represents farmers, landowners and rural businesses across the eastern region, is throwing its weight behind proposals to seize the vehicles of people caught flytipping.

The organisation has indicated in a Government consultation on flytipping that it backs stronger action against those involved in the crime.

Statistics suggest that there is a flytipping incident every 30 seconds in England – equating to 107,000 a month.

CLA East Regional Director Ben Underwood said: "Flytipping is a serious issue for landowners. It blights the countryside and we have called for culprits to be dealt with more robustly for years.

"Flytipping is often conducted by organised criminal gangs and we see the power to remove vehicles as a positive step forward in reducing incidents of flytipping.

"Landowners remain liable for any waste that is flytipped on their land and can be prosecuted if they do not clear it away.

"It costs rural businesses up to £150 million in clean-up costs every year. If new powers can reduce it by as little as two per cent, we are optimistic this could lead to at least £15 million of savings every five years for private landowners."

UNSIGHTLY: The CLA says people who flytip need to be dealt with "more robustly"

A statement on East Cambridgeshire District Council's website says: "Flytipping is not only unsightly, inconsiderate, dangerous and expensive to clean up, it is also illegal.

"Fines for flytipping can be as much as £50,000 or six months imprisonment (or both) on conviction in court."

To report flytipping incidents in the Ely area, call the council on (01353) 665555.

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Time to speak

LOTS of comments about the railway station.
Agree totally. I suggest people with an opinion also join in the Public Consultation on the new franchise – it closes on 16th March.
If we repeat our views in as many ears as possible, it will hopefully get through to decision makers and result in money being well spent.
Two of the espoused aims of the consultation are to 'improve the customer experience' and 'support local communities'.
Well, if the woefully inadequate entry/exit is modernised it would help both – I dread to think what might happen in case an emergency exit is needed!
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Zarine Jacob
Dovehouse Close
Ely

It's a small price

I AM writing in reply to the letter from Brian MItchell regarding admission charges to Ely Cathedral. If Mr Mitchell had been there recently he would have discovered that Ely residents can obtain a free pass which admits them to the Cathedral most of the time.
Although there is a charge for non residents visiting, you do not pay if you are attending a service, or before 9am, after 5pm or on Sundays. There is also a sign at the reception desk stating that no one who simply wants to pray in the quiet will be charged and no one will be turned away because they can't afford to pay.
For the visitors who are charged, their tickets are valid for a year and they can return as often as they like during that time.
By the way who is 'the church' that should be showing a moral lead? The church is the people and how many local people can say they are part of 'the church 'and really care about it? The cathedral gets no central funding from Government or other sources and if they did not charge for admittance the place would soon fall into disrepair. The donations weekly from the congregation would be but a drop in the ocean. Everyone wants 'the church' to be there when they need it but are unwilling to contribute much time or money to it at other times.
As a relative newcomer to Ely and a volunteer at the Cathedral I have seen for myself how many people are helped in practical ways as well as spiritual ways by the staff there.
With regard to the question of raising money the people who run the cathedral are trying all in their power to raise funds to cover the £6,000 a day running costs by organising other events (like the Embroidery Exhibition, Christmas Fair and Flower Festival) and also letting it be used as a venue for business events and film venues in the hope that eventually admission charges can be reduced or even scrapped.
I was told by a recent visitor that Westminster Abbey charged her £25 admission. I don't know if that is correct but there are very few complaints from visitors.
The Cathedral is always looking for volunteers to help out at the various events and if people are willing to give their time free (it needn't be a lot) then they can see the events at first hand without charge.
L Wells
Ely

Dogs: our advice

CAMBRIDGE Dogs advise dog owners not to leave their dogs tied outside shops or otherwise unsupervised outside and we recommend that parents teach their children not to touch strange dogs and to supervise those that are too young to understand and comply. Dogs that are left outside can be worried when approached by strangers, particularly small children. There are responsibilities on both sides: the dog owner's responsibility to ensure the safety and supervision of their pet in public areas and around other people and animals, and the parent's responsibility for supervising and educating their children.
Wood Green Animal Charity run regular workshops for children and parents on safety around dogs. Dr Jenna Kiddie (animal behaviour consultant) and I will also be running a workshop in Cambridgeshire over the summer on pet behaviour including how to stay safe around dogs and be a responsible owner in public.
We all need regular reminders to stop these incidents happening!
Susannah O'Hanlon PhD MSc (Companion Animal Behaviour Counselling)
www.cambridgedogs.co.uk

Be responsible

WITH interest I read your article on the ponies in the Cathedral park adjacent to Cherry Hill.
I agree with the Diocese that at times grazing pastures need to be rested, continued use over a period of time (with no maintenance) can give a poor nutrition value in the vegetation that is grazed.
However, I would not like to see the ponies/horses evacuated from this area of our city for ever, they give much pleasure to locals and tourists who encounter them in their field.
Basically a field fence is to keep livestock safe from wandering as it in keeping roaming livestock out. Unfortunately it is people who are not equine or any animal savvy for that matter, who are irresponsible in crossing the line of a safe distance to pat and feed livestock. It is the responsibility of the complaining parent/s not to let their child get too close to something they no nothing about as it is with adults who do the same thing.
People really must start to take responsibility for their actions.
Alison Arnold
Fleetwood
Ely

Happy days

ONE of the joys of the last three years has being taking my grandson once a week on some beautiful walks around Ely by the river and past the cathedral.
Armed with a carrier bag of carrots we would stop off and watch the horses at the top of the Cathedral field trot down towards us when they heard the rustle of the bag full of carrots.
To watch a little child fascinated as the horses carefully took the carrots and chomp away was priceless and taught my grandson the concept of sharing the carrots between the horses and in turn him behaving sensibly around animals.
I never encountered the horses being aggressive and have many photos of them gladly taking a treat.
We had recently wondered why the horses had gone away and it is a sad moment to hear that the field will no longer be used for horses.
So now we can't take our little ones to feed the horses or feed the ducks in Ely – what next? Surely, little children should be able to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors and experience the childhood joys as we did as children.
I have two grandchildren now and we can still watch the trains, watch the boats... please don't take that away.
June Waggitt
Prickwillow Road
Ely

Thank you

May i take this opportunity on behalf of my colleagues – and in particular the volunteer crews on the coast – to say thank you, for their superb support in what has been another busy year for the RNLI.
The Cambridge & District Branch raised nearly £18k last year with events of one sort and the other, pub collections and the sales of Christmas cards, diaries, calendars and the like and it makes such a difference to an organisation that faces ever growing demand for service.
If you can spare an hour or so to help us with our efforts it would be particularly welcome in early April when we aim to hold a street collection for the Lifeboats in Ely on Saturday the 11th, please do get in touch if you help at all.
Additionally, if you should need a speaker at your Club or organisation in the coming year, we are happy to supply a contributor.
Please do get in touch and once again many many thanks.
Geoff Heathcock
Branch Chairman
Cambridge & District RNLI
Queen Edith's Way
Cambridge

No sense

ANSWERS are needed about the spending priorities of the District Council following a report presented on the 29th January.
The paper made quite clear, to me at least, just how unaffordable the proposed leisure centre really is.
Projected annual income, arrived at by averaging the offers from a number of private leisure centre operators is given as £277.000 a year. This is expected to be achieved by offering a 20-year contract to operate the centre, by which time experience has shown refurbishment would be needed.
To fund the centre the council is proposing to sell every available asset it owns, to use £4 million in developer contributions from Ely North, and critically to borrow with repayments of £451,000 per year over thirty five years.
In other words the borrowing carries on being repaid 15 years beyond the contract period and well into the timescale that will require further significant investment.
Worse, the proposals identify a funding gap of £2.5 million to be funded by as yet unidentified other means.
Does this make sense? Can a small local authority that admits to a revenue black hole in two years time, with little left to cut, realistically enter into this commitment?
The costs would remove flexibility from future spending options, deny investment to existing sports facilities and threaten investment in statutory services that the council must make.
As the official opposition seems to fear criticising what may seem to be an electorally popular project it falls to me to make these implications clear.
Councillor Ian Allen
non aligned Haddenham ward

We need you!

Ely News' exclusive help at the end of last year in rustling a ukulele club together in Ely has been a rocking success!
We already have 64 local members now of which 14 are on the waiting list to play. However, we have major problem.
We have some great ukulele players and singers but no drummer or bass player.
Calling all seasoned/retired bass players and drummers out there! The Rocking Ukuleles of Ely needs you!
We practice on Monday nights at the Ely Bowls Club and have five local charity performances for the summer in the book already.
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Great news

THE Greater Cambridgeshire Enterprise Partnership has announced that that it has secured £38million in its Growth Deal negotiations with Government.
I am absolutely thrilled to see that the Government has backed the building of the Ely Bypass with significant funding. We need to build the bypass as soon as possible and this funding is an important step in that process.
Lucy Frazer
Conservative Parliamentary candidate for South East Cambridgeshire

Will we learn?

THERE is a saying, 'Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it.'
Mike Petty's Looking Back column in the *Cambridge News* reminded me of this saying on Monday when he wrote about farmland in the Fens lying 'derelict' in 1940 – just 75 years ago (when our food-eating population was some 48 millions). Mr Petty mentioned farmland in Burwell Fen being valued at £4 per acre in 1940.
During the Second World War the farmland in Burwell Fen, hitherto a jungle of water and weeds, was recovered for food growing at great expense.
The farmland in Burwell Fen went on to produce enormous crops and it and more was well worth recovering, for the British people would otherwise have starved.

Good food-growing Fen farmland is now (with our food-eating population at some 64 millions) worth in excess of £10,000 per acre but the food-growing farmland in Burwell Fen has been allowed to revert to a jungle of elder bushes, hemlock, ragwort, stinging nettles and thistles in the 'care' of the National Trust's so-called 'Wicken Vision.'
Oh, how the old boys (some of whom I knew) who recovered that food-growing farmland in Burwell Fen would be feeling: sick is my best guess, and rightly so.
Would some 1940s-style starvation teach us some history and would we learn from it?
Geoffrey Woollard
St Andrew's Park
Soham

Cathedral talk

STEPHEN Bourne, Chief Administrator of Ely Cathedral, gave a talk to Ely Rotary Club on 28th January. Interspersed with amusing anecdotes, he gave insight into the difficulties of administering a building of the size and historical value of Ely Cathedral. He emphasized how the Cathedral is open and free to members of the local community. Anyone who lives locally only needs to take their driver's licence to the desk at the Cathedral and they will be able to collect a ticket that allows them free entry thereafter. For more information contact the Cathedral: contact tel: 01353 667735

Ely Rotary Club meets every week at Witchford Village Hall. For more information contact: the Secretary Trevor See 01353 649482
Rosemary Westwell
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Birthday Greetings

Happy 13th Birthday

Louise Sennitt

Happy 13th birthday.
Congratulations of being a teenager.
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xxx

Deaths

LEE
Jean Catherine
Of Anchor Court, Littleport

Passed away peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital on Sunday 18th January 2015, aged 72 years.

Funeral Service at St George's Church, Littleport on Monday 16th February at 2.30pm.

Donations, if desired, for Anchor Court may be sent c/o

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RUTTERFORD
John William

Of Townsend Soham, formerly of Haddenham. Passed away at his home on Thursday 22nd January 2015 aged 85 years. Dearly loved husband of the late Elsie, loving father of Angela and Clare and a much loved father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother.

Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church Haddenham on Monday February 9th at 11.15am followed by cremation at Fenland Crematorium March.

Family flowers only, donations if desired for Battersea Dogs and Cats Home will be gratefully received at the service or c/o A.G Carter Funeral Director 6 Froize End, Haddenham Cambs CB6 3UQ

Deaths

SCOTT
Margaret Elizabeth
Of Ely

Passed away peacefully at Vera James House on Wednesday 28th January 2015 aged 91 years.

Reunited with her husband Leonard, sadly missed by godson Richard and his family.

Funeral Service will be held at Fenland Crematorium, March on Thursday 12th February 2015 at 10.30am.

Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for RSPCA may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4HW. Tel: 01353 666566

TURNER
Jeremy Charles
Formerly of Littleport

Suddenly passed away on Wednesday 14th January 2015, aged 53 years.

Soul mate of Tricia, devoted son of Ian and Pauline, much loved brother of Rikki, Michaela and Graham, loving uncle and great uncle.

Jeremy will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Service at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel on Tuesday 10th February at 11.15am.

Family flowers only please, but if desired, donations, made payable to Papworth Hospital Charity may be sent c/o

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Acknowledgements

SEYMOUR
Alan

Margaret and the family of Alan wish to thank all relatives and friends for their attendance at church and cards and messages received.

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THE PRIZE: Sue Peploe, Partner Co-ordination manager at Waitrose, with the chocolates and champagne which can be won in our competition this week

Win Waitrose chocolates and champagne for Valentine's Day!

VALENTINE'S Day is fast approaching and we've linked up with Waitrose in Ely to bring you the chance to win champagne and chocolates to celebrate the most romantic day of the year.

Saint Valentine's Day, also known as Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is on February 14 and is celebrated in many countries around the world.

It is named after a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th century. To have a go at winning the Waitrose champagne and chocolates, all you need to do is answer the following question, fill in the form and send it, or drop it in, to Ely News, 27 Market Place, Ely, CB7 4NP.

Closing date for entries is 12pm next Wednesday, February 11.

The first correct entry drawn randomly will be the winner.

Question: What date is Valentine's Day?

Valentine's Day Waitrose Competition

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RAIL ISSUES

Station bosses: 'Staffing levels back on track'

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

BOSSES at Abellio Greater Anglia insist progress is being made to address staffing issues at Ely railway station.

The rail operator has come under fire in recent months, with services at the city's busy station being branded "utterly inadequate".

The issues – mainly long queues in the ticket office at peak times – began last summer and still this week, *Ely News* was contacted by commuters complaining about the services and ticket office closures.

On Tuesday, a spokeswoman from Abellio Greater Anglia said: "The ticket office at Ely station is now fully staffed and last week, was open for 100 per cent of its scheduled hours.

"A short-term sickness absence meant that unfortunately closure of the ticket office was unavoidable on some occasions during the Christmas period and we would like to apologise for any inconvenience this caused."

Among those who complained last week was Robin Laycock, of Egremont Street.

In a letter to *Ely News*, he said: "What is going on with Ely railway station these days? The ticket booths are rarely open and the solution is a tatty temporary desk held together by masking tape along with ticket machines which are usually broken.

"Staff are de-motivated and there is a general air of degradation and lack of customer care. Complaints to the management are ignored." He added: "A couple of years ago there was a survey of passengers asking what improvements they wanted at the station.

"Good access came high up the list but we are still squeezing through the same narrow doorway as ever, trying to allow people to come the other way at the same time, bikes and all."

In a letter to his local MP, Sir Jim Paice, and copied to *Ely News*, Andy Brears, of Forehill, said the station "has not moved with the times and the buildings are now inadequate to the task".

He continued: "But the current operator is not only doing nothing to manage these inadequacies, they are falling to maintain even the levels of service that they profess to offer."

He also criticised the "narrow doorway" and added that access to the station is "dangerously inadequate".

The Abellio spokeswoman said: "We are monitoring the situation closely to ensure that the ticket office remains open as scheduled.

"We are also considering proposals for improvements to the booking hall area, which could include widening of the doors, but are currently awaiting details on funding and the full scope of the work."

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ELY SOUTHERN BYPASS

LEP secures cash for bypass

THE future of Ely's Southern Bypass looks more secure thanks to Cambridgeshire's local enterprise partnership.

The Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has announced that it has secured an additional £38 million of investment to support economic growth via the second phase of its Growth Deal negotiations with Central Government.

Mark Reeve, its chairman, says the main bulk of the funding will go towards paying for Ely's £16 million new bypass, which council chiefs hope to have completed by the end of 2017.

He said: "The Ely Southern Bypass is a long overdue scheme that will have a significant positive impact by enabling local growth and easing local congestion."

The £38 million allocation is in addition to £71.1 million already secured by the LEP from Government as a part of the Growth Deal process.

JORDAN **DAY**
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Cllr James Palmer, leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "The Ely bypass is one of those projects which is simply fundamental to the future success of East Cambridgeshire.

"I cannot overstate the importance this road will have for local residents, businesses and for our future prosperity.

"The announcement of the Government grant funding is very important for I hope it will shorten the timescales of when we will see spades in the ground. We have waited a long time for this road to be built and I think we are all impatient for the work to begin."

Sir Jim Paice, MP for South East Cambridgeshire, said: "This is fantastic news for Ely. I can retire happy now that our efforts to secure a bypass have succeeded.

"We have planning consent and most of the money so let's get on with it.

"By taking traffic out of the city the bypass will not only remove congestion but also allow radical redesign of the southern gateway."

North East Cambridgeshire MP, Steve Barclay, said: "This announcement is great news for our area. It will enable economic growth, which importantly will mean more jobs.

"It will also enable Ely's southern bypass, which is long overdue, to now go ahead and that will help residents as it will cut congestion.

"I will support the LEP to now work with the government to find ways to bring forward the funding as soon as possible."

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WINNER: Kathy Ingram with Istvan Melnecsuk from Poets House

Kathy's our winner!

KATHY Ingram will be enjoying a champagne dinner with three guests in Poets House – as the winner of an *Ely News* competition.

Kathy, from Littleport, was randomly selected as the winner from almost 300 entries after correctly identifying the drink Bollinger as Champagne.

Kathy said: "I'm really looking forward to it. I've been to Poets House once before and it's lovely."

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Nature reserves across the country, including Wicken Fen and the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) centre in Welney, held a whole host of activities on Sunday to celebrate World Wetland Day.

In Welney there were small mammal surveys, swan feeds, guided walks, bird ringing, owl pellet dissections and children's activities to keep visitors entertained and Wicken Fen held a special guided walk to mark the occasion. Visit www.worldwetlandsday.org.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Further steps to save charity

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

A CHARITY which provides a lifeline for elderly, disabled and isolated people across the Ely area could soon benefit from annual funding.

Liberal Democrat councillors at East Cambridgeshire District Council are proposing that the authority provides Ely Soham Dial a Ride with £15,000 each year.

Council leader James Palmer agreed to provide the Witchford-based charity with a £15,000 grant last month in a bid to save it from folding.

Speaking at the time, Ruth Rogers, chair of Dial a Ride, says the charity welcomed the grant but that it could not say that the funding would prevent it from folding in March this year.

Lib Dem Cllr Gareth Wilson, whose ward is Haddenham and who has spent years campaigning for more council funding for Dial a Ride, now wants the district council to extend its recent offer into an annual £15,000 community transport fund.

He said: "Many people across East Cambridgeshire rely on community transport to access health, shopping, leisure and other facilities.

"It really is a lifeline for large numbers of elderly and disabled residents, and an annual contribution from the district council is vitally important to ensure the future of community transport in our area."

His proposal was seconded by Lib Dem Cllr Neil Morrison, of Littleport West ward, and was agreed by the council's corporate governance and finance committee last Thursday.

It will be included in the budget proposals to be considered by the full council on Thursday, February 26.

It was in November that Dial a Ride announced that unless it manages to secure sufficient funding or support, the charity will be wound up in March.

The charity's board says all efforts are currently being made to enable the service to continue. Dial a Ride has been running for 12 years this year.

CRIME

Speak up about crime at the Maltings

PEOPLE can speak up about crime at an event in Ely today.

The Cambridgeshire Alliance for Independent Living (CAIL) has invited Sir Graham Bright, Cambridgeshire's police and crime commissioner, to attend the Crime, Prevention and Safety event at The Maltings, in Ship Lane.

Ely's Mayor, Cllr Lis Every, and the Mayor of Cambridge, Gerri Bird, a long-term campaigner for disability rights, will also be in attendance.

The event is open to all but is particularly aimed at those with a disability, their carers and families, and the people who work with them such as service providers, adult social care officers at Cambridgeshire County Council and the many charitable organisations that support people to live as independently as possible.

The event is running from 10am-3pm. The Mayors of Ely and Cambridge are expected to arrive at 12.30pm and Sir Graham is expected to attend by 2pm.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Cambridge, Ely, Saffron Walden, Haverhill, Royston & Newmarket areas and Tim is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. *'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'*

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CINEMA

Jupiter Ascending movie to hit the big screen tomorrow

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LAVISH new sci-fi movie *Jupiter Ascending* – parts of which were filmed at Ely Cathedral – hits the cinemas tomorrow.

The Warner Bros blockbuster stars Mila Kunis, Channing Tatum, Eddie Redmayne and Sean Bean, and scenes were filmed at Ely's cathedral in April 2013 – attracting movie fans to the city.

Mila Kunis stars as Jupiter Jones, a cleaner on Earth who discovers she is intergalactic royalty, and Channing Tatum as a genetically engineered hunter-turned bodyguard.

In a recent interview, the film's producer, Grant Hill, said: "We chose to base the wedding scene on Ely Cathedral because it provided us with a sort of scope and reference, obviously being a very significant UK church.

"The interior design of that church was so subtle but so spectacular in its own right."

The movie also stars Doona Bae, Tim Pigott-Smith, James D'Arcy, Tuppence Middleton and Douglas Booth.

More pictures online at ely-news.co.uk

MOVIE MANIA: *Jupiter Ascending*, which was partly filmed in Ely Cathedral, is being released tomorrow

Ely Cathedral has been used as a movie location seven times. Last year, banquet scenes for *Macbeth* – the hugely-anticipated new adaptation of the William Shakespeare tragedy due to be released later this year – were filmed there.

Lesley Ann Thompson, director of communications at the cathedral, said: "Obviously we are all intrigued and excited to see the film.

The scenes shot at Ely show the interior of the cathedral dressed down to its original form and, enhanced by special effects, it looks absolutely stunning.

"The cast and crew were friendly and considerate as well as respectful of the cathedral and all that it stands for.

"Having Warner Bros film here was not only a good experience for us but equally beneficial for Ely and the wider community in terms of profile and the local economy."

Scenes for *The King's Speech; Elizabeth: The Golden Age; The Other Boleyn Girl; The Other Man* and a recent Bollywood film have also been shot at the cathedral.

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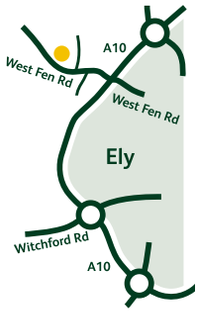

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Ely Tesco store is safe

ELY'S Tesco is not among the 43 stores set to close, *Ely News* can confirm.

Around 2,000 Tesco workers discovered their jobs were at risk last week after the supermarket giant disclosed the locations of 43 store closures.

Ely's is not one of those earmarked for closure, however, as previously reported, the troubled supermarket giant has now scrapped its plans to build a new megastore in Angel Drove.

Historian's new book about WW2 camps

THE lives of German prisoners during the Second World War is the subject of a historian's new book.

Robin Quinn, from East Sussex, takes a fresh look at the camps in the Ely area, and the surrounding Fenland, in his latest book, Hitler's Last Army, which is now available to buy in book shops and online as an e-book.

CHARITY MINDED: Donna Talbot, from the Arthur Rank Hospice, accepts a cheque from Charlie O'Connor, Robert Barnes and Molly Armstrong

FUNDRAISING

CD raises over £2,000

FREYA **LENG**
@FreyaLengCN

A CD produced by two school friends has raised £2,500 for the Arthur Rank Hospice since its launch.

Talented singers Charlie O'Connor, 17, from Ely, and Molly Armstrong, 16, from Little Downham, are well-known for taking to the stage at local charity gigs and events, but last year they set their sights on recording and producing a CD.

Proceeds from the £8 CD, which is entitled *Wish You Were Here* and was only launched in December, go straight to the Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund – and in just a matter of weeks they have raised an impressive £2,500.

The fund was set up by Ely man Robert Barnes in memory of his wife, who died of cancer in 2010, to raise money for the hospice, which is where Lisa spent her final days.

Mr Barnes said: "It was two 16-year-olds that did this. They came together to find out more about the hospice, you don't often get that.

"They are just really nice people."

All funds raised through Lisa's fund then go towards the £300,000 Help our Hospice appeal launched by *Ely News*' sister paper, the *Cambridge News*, in May last year to help the Arthur Rank Hospice reach its fundraising target of £8.9 million for a new facility at the Shelford Bottom site.

So far, the appeal has already raised £16,368 – with the £70,000 raised from Chariots of Fire to be added shortly – towards two, four-bedded in-patient bays and five individual rooms in the new build.

Work is set to start soon on the new hospice which offers 24 beds, along with two, four-bed bedded bays helping staff to continue to provide specialist palliative and end of life care to a growing elderly population.

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■ 'Ausipex and other Australian philatelic exhibitions' is the title of the next Isle of Ely Philatelic Society meeting. Mr A Hall is hosting the talk at the bistro cafe at Ely College on Thursday, February 5 at 7.30pm. Call (01354) 659358.

■ Members of the Ely's Got Talent group are hosting the City of Ely Flower Club's demonstration on Thursday, February 5. The theme is 'Surprise, Surprise!' and the meeting is at Ely College at 7.15pm. Call (01353) 661457.

■ Sarah Wilson is hosting the next Friends of Ely Museum talk. The talk, entitled 'Flag Fen: An ever changing story', is being held at the museum's Vernon Cross Meeting Room on Thursday, February 5 at 7.30pm.

■ 'Catholics in Ely and the Fens' is the subject of the next Ely Society meeting. Dr Francis Young is hosting the talk at Ely Museum on Wednesday, February 11 at 7.30pm.

■ Mike Petty is hosting the Fenland History on Friday talk on Friday, February 6. The talk, entitled 'Forgotten Fenland Floods', is at Ely Library at 10.30am. Call (01353) 648106.

■ Rowley's next auction of everything from antiques to fine art is on Saturday, February 14. The sale starts at 10am and viewing takes place from 9am-7pm on the Friday. Call (01353) 653020.

■ Dee Loakes is hosting her next meditation session at Ely Library on Tuesday, February 10. The drop-in session runs from 10.45-11.45am. Call 07901 774660.

■ A jumble sale is being held at the Ely Centre on Saturday, February 7 from 10am onwards to raise funds for the British Red Cross.

HADDENHAM

■ Frances Dipper is hosting the next Haddenham Conservation Society talk. Entitled 'Britain's Hidden Marine Life', the talk will be held at the Arkenstall Centre on Tuesday, February 10 at 8pm.

LITTLEPORT

■ A prize bingo is being held at Littleport Leisure Centre on Saturday, February 7 at 7pm. On Sunday, February 8 there is also a quiz night in aid of Littleport Badminton Club at 7pm, and on Friday, February 13 there is a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament there at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 860600.

SOHAM

■ Soham Over 60's Club is holding its annual lunch and entertainment at the Walter Gidney Pavilion on Saturday, February 7. It's running from 12.30-4.30pm and tickets are £6 for members or £15.75 for non-members. Call (01353) 723491.

■ A tea dance is being held at The Brook on Tuesday, February 17. Call (01353) 721748.

WITCHFORD

■ A Valentine's ball is being held at Witchford Village Hall on Saturday, February 14 to raise funds for the village's Rackham Pre-school. The event is running from 7.30pm until late and tickets are £25, which includes a three-course meal and dancing to local band, Avalon.

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RAISING FUNDS: Eva Smith enjoys her cup of tea

Event raises £100 for Sally Army

COFFEES and homemade cakes helped to raise £100 for the Soham branch of the Salvation Army.

The branch, in Bushel Lane, held a coffee morning on Saturday. Iris Belsham, who organised the event, said: "It was the first coffee morning I've ever organised but it went extremely well.

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COMMUNITY

Public toilets 'close too early'

JORDAN **DAY**
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REVIEW: The toilets at Sacrist Gate in Ely

ELY'S public toilets are closing too early and should remain open in the evening, say residents.

The majority of the city's public conveniences are owned and managed by East Cambridgeshire District Council, and currently close at around 5pm.

But people insist that some of the toilets, such as the ones in the Cloisters and Sacrist Gate, should be open later so that people out and about in the city centre in the evening can use them.

Sharon Clifton, of Broad Street, Ely, said: "There is so much going on in the evenings in Ely such as concerts, gigs, meetings and people going to the pub, and yet all the public toilets are closed by 5pm. In fact I've seen some being shut at around 4pm.

"What are people meant to do if they need the toilet when they're walking back to the car after a concert at the cathedral?

"Some of the loos, especially those that are right in the city centre, should be open in the evenings."

Another resident, who did not want to be named, said: "I think the toilets in the Cloisters and Sacrist Gate need to be open for longer. I think Ely's the only place I've ever been to where the public loos are shut so early."

The district council, which is responsible for nine toilets in total in Ely, Littleport, Burwell and Fordham has recently launched a review of the public conveniences.

The authority says their opening hours, as well as potential refurbishments, are being looked at.

As part of the review, a working group will look at usage of the facilities, compare the district's toilets with other areas as well as carrying out a cost analysis of improving them.

The review will take place over the next few months with the final report coming back to the commercial services committee in July. To have your say during the review, call (01353) 665555.

Have your say at ely-news.co.uk or email: jordan.day@cambridge-news.co.uk

MYSTERIOUS FENS: Lorry Spry, from the Babylon Gallery, with some of the work that features in the exhibition.

More pictures online at ely-news.co.uk

Exploring the beauty of the Fens

THE thriving communities of modern-day Fenland are being highlighted in an exhibition in Ely.

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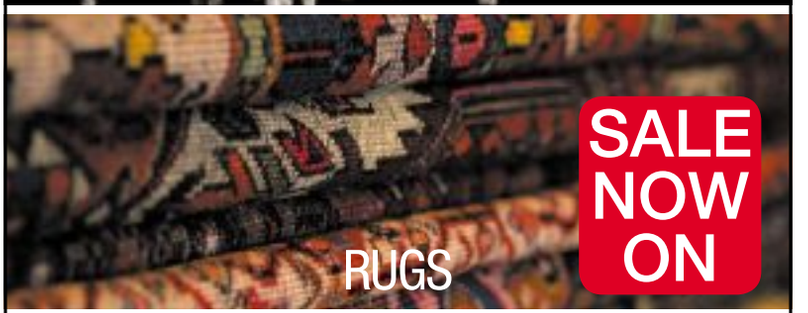

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Time to help tidy up!

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More barn owls than ever before at WWT

THE Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) at Welney says it has been a bumper year for barn owls there.

Four pairs of barn owls bred in or around the reserve, and at least two of those pairs managed to raise three broods of young. People are currently seeing between six to eight individual owls during their visit to the centre, which the trust says is more than ever before.

HELPING HAND: The Ely Foodbank Partnership runs distribution centres in Ely, Soham, Sutton, March and Chatteris. A new centre will be opening in Littleport soon

FOODBANK

Changes at foodbank

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

ELY Foodbank is changing the venue of one of its distribution centres in the city.

Food parcels will now be handed out to local residents on a Tuesday from the Countess Free Church, in Chapel Street, rather than the nearby Lighthouse Centre. The Ely Foodbank Partnership says there is more space at the church.

The partnership provides food parcels for local people in need who are referred to them through a partner agency, such as a doctor's surgery of social services.

Karl Relton, chairman of the partnership's trustees, said: "Anyone needing to use the service at any of our distribution centres will be given a warm welcome.

"We have a non-judgmental approach, where people are listened to and helped to engage with the appropriate local agencies – enabling them to move forward with their lives.

"People who visit us say they feel valued and often, when they are out of their crisis they come back to say thank you, to volunteer their help or to make a donation."

The partnership also ran a distribution centre in Littleport up until last November when, as reported, it pulled out of arrangements with the town's Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army is continuing to provide emergency food for people but the partnership says it is hoping to open a centre at the town's St George's Medical Centre soon.

The partnership's current arrangements are on Tuesdays at the Countess Free Church in Ely from 11am-12.30pm and at the Powerhouse Church in March from 1-2.30pm. On Thursdays, the Salvation Army Hall in Soham is open from 9.30-11am.

On Fridays, Emmanuel Church in Chatteris is open from 10.30-11.30am, The Glebe in Sutton is open from 11am-12.30pm and The Forum in Ely is open from 1-2.30pm.

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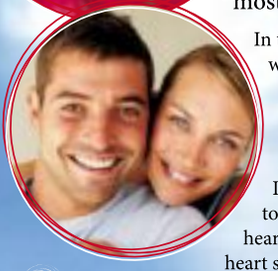

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In the Middle Ages the day was associated with romantic love and then in the 18th century it evolved where lovers expressed their affection for each other by presenting flowers and confectionary and sending greeting cards.

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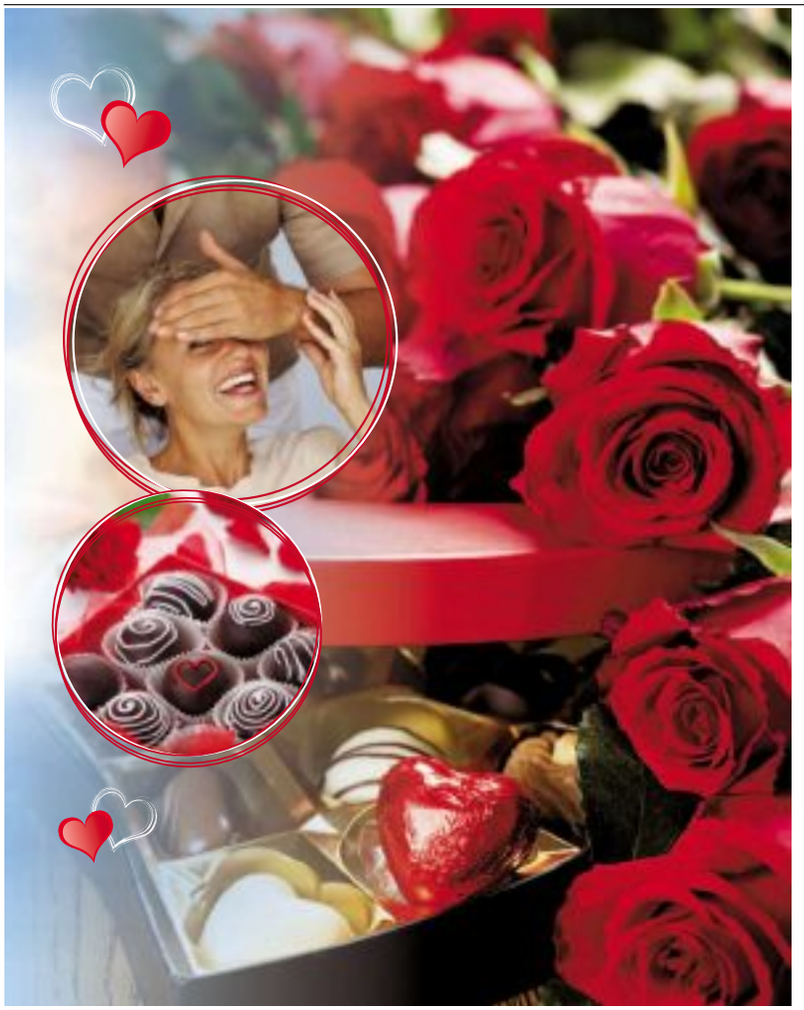

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Valentine's Day

Romance abounds at Ely Cathedral
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with a stunning programme of romantic classics by candlelight, given by prominent british concert Warren Mailley-Smith, stunning soprano Susan Parkes and an outstanding ensemble of string players, complete with complimentary interval bubbly.

The performance will be given on a beautiful Steinway grand piano will be positioned in the central Octagon of the Cathedral and audience experience will be further enhanced by up-close video projection of the performers around the building.

The candlelight concert features a rare performance of Beethoven's stirring Piano Concerto no. 5, The Emperor, in a beautiful arrangement for piano and strings, with other popular works for solo piano, violin, and cello, plus Bach's evocative Air on a G-String. Guest international soprano, Susan Parkes, will also performance an emotional selection of famous arias and the evening is rounded off with a tango!

This spectacular event takes place in the only UK building to be listed as 'one of the seven medieval wonders of the world' --- Ely Cathedral. Ely has been a prominent film location for many films Elizabeth: The Golden Age, The Other Boleyn Girl and The King's Speech – and The King's Speech featured the headline piece of tonight's concert in its soundtrack, the Emperor Piano Concerto.

A self-confessed Romantic, Warren will be performing a selection of classics guaranteed to tug at the heartstrings.

Tickets at https://tickets.elycathedral.org/show.asp

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7.30pm, Saturday 14th February 2015

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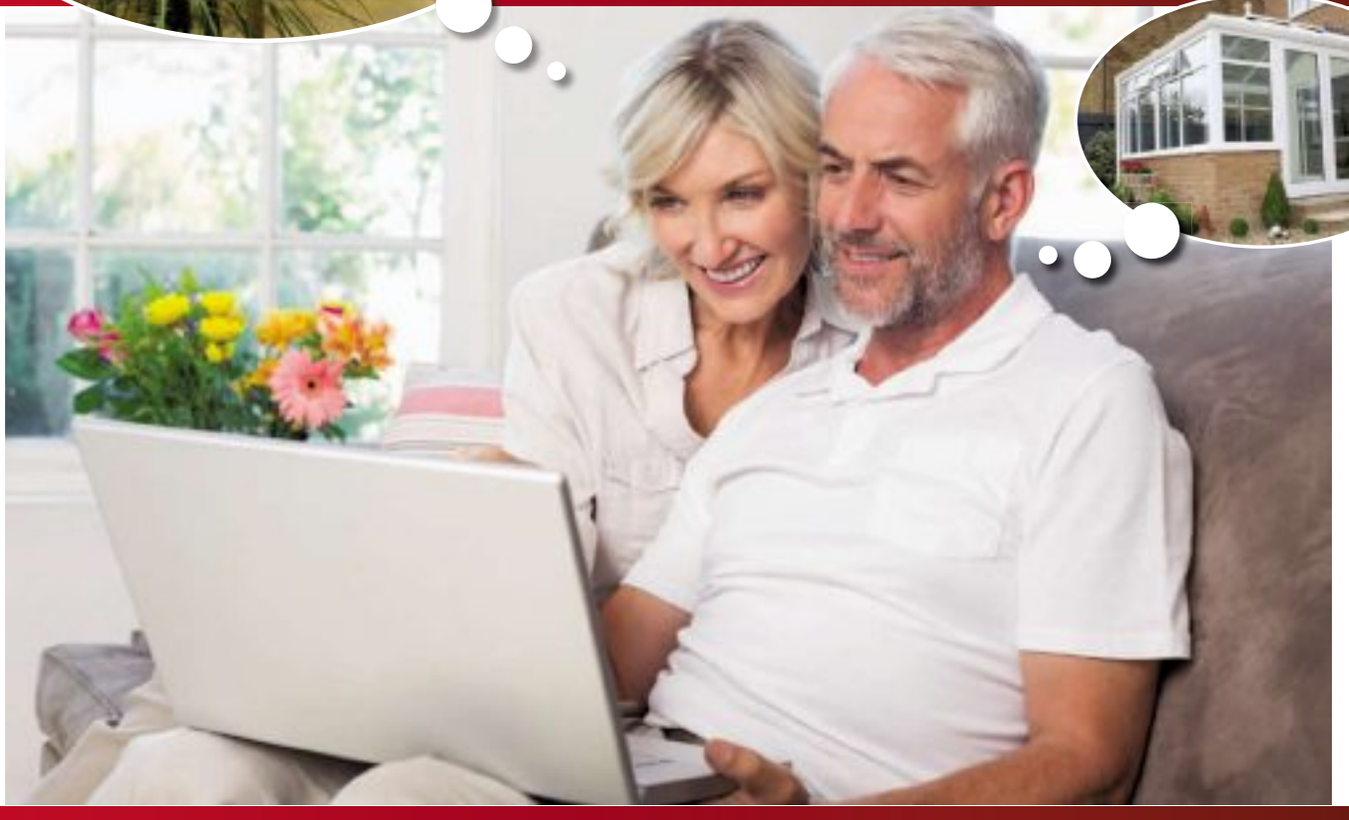

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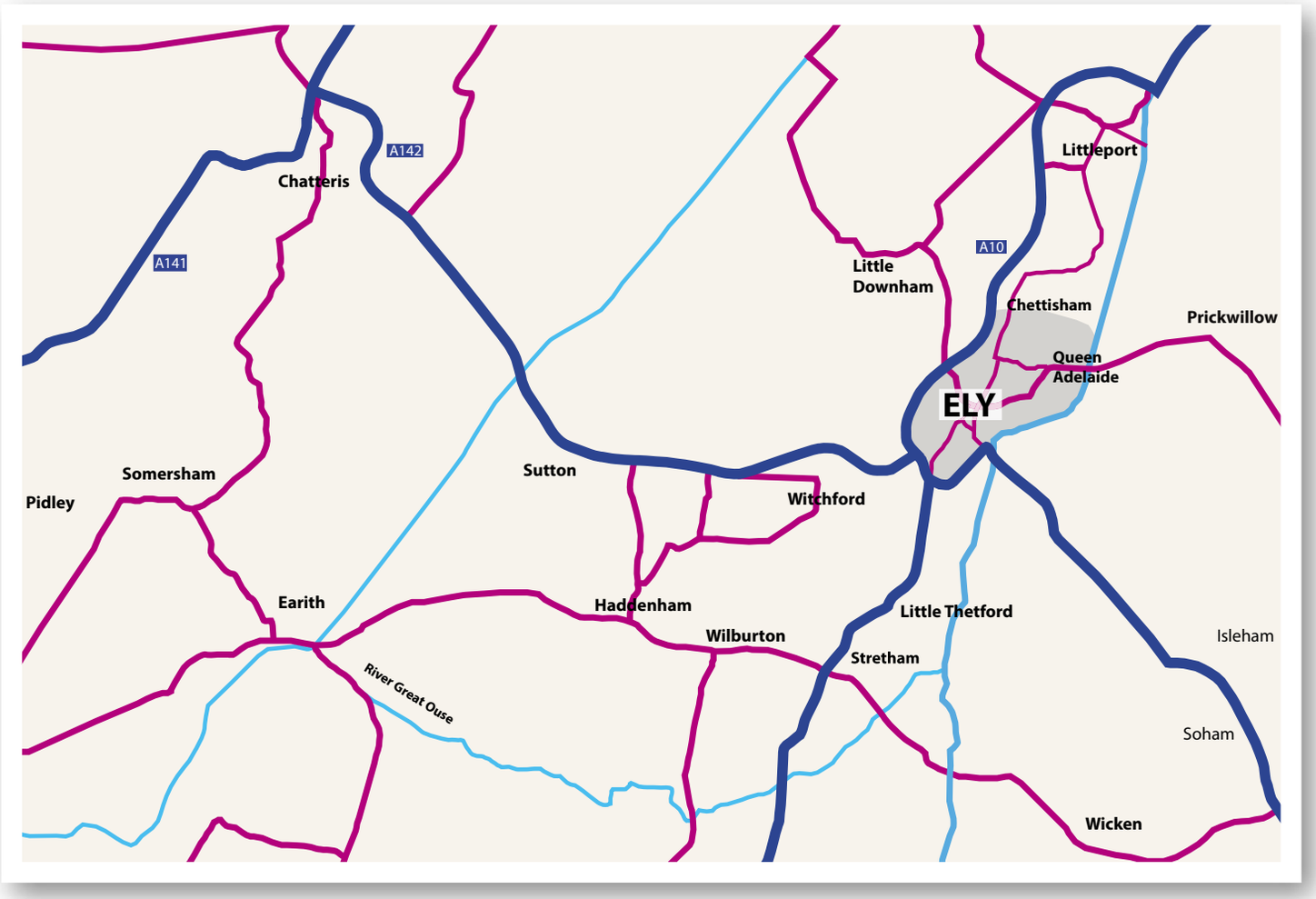

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- Lounge, Kitchen
- Allocated Parking
- Chain Free

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SUTTON

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SOHAM **£149,995**

This property must be viewed to be appreciated. An exceptionally spacious semi detached house offering lounge, dining room, study area, bathroom, 4 bedrooms, shower room, delightful gardens and parking.

HADDENHAM

A 2014 build park home located in the popular village of Witchford. The property boasts an L-shaped lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, study, 2 bedrooms with en-suite to master bedroom, bathroom, gardens and parking. CHAIN FREE. View Today

WITCHFORD

A mid terrace town house offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, 4 bedrooms with en-suite to master bedroom, bathroom, shower room, fully enclosed rear garden, single garage and parking. CHAIN FREE.

SOHAM

A link detached house offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, cloakroom, three bedrooms, balcony off landing, bathroom, garage and gardens. CHAIN FREE!

LITTLEPORT

An end terrace house offering lounge/diner, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, garage and gardens.

LITTLEPORT

A deligthful detached house located in the popular village of Littleport. The property boasts a lounge, kitchen/ dining room, cloakroom, four bedrooms with en-suite to master bedroom, bathroom, front and rear garden, garage and drive. Viewing highly recommended.

LITTLEPORT

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Feature homes

This week, Carmel Luff at the haart branch in Ely explains why it's important for estate agents to be part of their local community.

Agent's blog

As a local estate agency, we at haart take great pride in playing a very big part in our local community.

We feel it's really important to support local family events such as school fetes and firework displays – and you can always find us handing out balloons at events in town, such as the Christmas lights switch on.

Our team all live in Ely, which means we can impart local knowledge with genuine enthusiasm. If you're looking for a property, you'll want to know what the surroundings are like and what facilities are available in the local area.

We're passionate about being a family-friendly agent too. When parents are looking to buy, sell or rent a new property, it can be a stressful time. So we make children very welcome in our office, occupying them with colouring books, balloons, lollipops and bubbles!

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Ely really is a fantastic family area and we are delighted to provide a wide range of services. In effect, we're a one-stop shop and can help with your mortgage, conveyancing and survey. We offer great marketing -– and our properties are now on the new *OnTheMarket.com* portal, as well as *Rightmove*.

We're the only local agent to be open seven days a week. So if you're out and about in town at the weekend, why not pop in and say hi! Even if it is just to pick up a balloon.

For further information, please contact our branch in Fore Hill, Ely, on (01353) 664112. We can be contacted from 8am until 10pm.

Cover property – Chippenham: £469,950

THIS detached Georgian three bedroom family home in Chippenham is on the market for £469,950. It has accommodation including a kitchen/breakfast room, sitting room and a rear scullery/dining room. On the first floor is a master bedroom with en suite shower, two more bedrooms and a family bathroom.
Outside is a separate annexe/studio with lounge/bedroom and en suite. There is also a single garage, a store and gardens.
Viewing is by arrangement through Cheffins on (01353) 654900.

Dean Peacock Court: £290,000-£300,000

A BEAUTIFULLY-presented three bedroom bungalow in Dean Peacock Court, just off Kings Avenue in Ely, is now on the market with a guide price of £290,000 to £300,000. It has accommodation including a lounge and conservatory, a modern kitchen and dining room, three bedrooms and a bathroom. Outside there is a landscaped garden and a single garage.
Call haart of Ely for further details on (01353) 664112.

Lynn Road: £300,000

THIS detached three bungalow on the corner of Buckingham Drive and Lynn Road in Ely is on the market for £300,000.
It has spacious accommodation including two double bedrooms, a large bathroom, a lounge with patio doors and a kitchen/dining room.
There is a rear porch area between the bungalow and the single garage, and there is also driveway parking for one vehicle and a small garden area to the side and front of the property.
For more information contact TuckerGardner on (01353) 616130.

Feature homes

Wilburton: £450,000

THIS individual detached bungalow with three bedrooms in Stretham Road, Wilburton, is on the market for £450,000. Having been extended, it now offers extensive accommodation including an entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, garden room, study, cloakroom, rear lobby, master bedroom with en suite, two more bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside t here is a single garage, parking and gardens with terrace, lawn and ornamental pound. Viewing is by arrangement through Cheffins on (01353) 654900.

Soham: £250,000

THIS three bedroom link-detached bungalow in Brook Street, Soham, is on the market for £250,000. It has an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside there is a private drive and a single garage. The property is offered for sale chain free. Viewing can be arranged by telephoning William H Brown on (01353) 663311.

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£425,000

WILBURTON

An attractive double fronted four bedroom home situated towards the edge of this popular village placed within a convenient distance of Ely and it's wide ranging amenities.

4 bedrooms, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, family bathroom, partial double glazing and oil fired central heating. EPC rating: E

£295,000

SOHAM

An attractive five bedroom detached home nicely situated, facing a small green area, on the popular 'Kingfisher Drive' development.

5 bedrooms, 2 shower rooms, family bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden, driveway and double garage. EPC rating: C

£289,950

PRICKWILLOW

A comfortably proportioned four bedroom detached family home, situated in a pleasant cul de sac location within this popular village just to the North East of Ely.

4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, entrance hall, cloakroom, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, oil central heating, double glazing and enclosed rear garden. EPC rating: C

£285,000

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£325,000

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A two double bedroom detached bungalow in need of some modernisation and conveniently located on Lynn Road for access into the City Centre.

2 double bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/dining room, large bathroom, single garage and small garden. No upward chain. EPC rating: D

£300,000

NEW

LITTLEPORT

An immaculately presented, spacious four bedroom detached family home, with superb kitchen, on a popular development.

4 bedrooms, bedroom one with en suite, family bathroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, cloakroom, entrance hall, utility room, front and rear gardens, garage and parking. EPC rating: B

£264,950

MEPAL

A beautifully presented detached three bedroom bungalow set within this peaceful residential cul de sac amongst other similar homes.

3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, gas central heating, double glazing, driveway, single garage and rear garden. EPC rating: D

£245,000

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NEW PRICE

SOHAM **£215,000**

An excellent three bedroom detached family home with superb views over Qua Fen Common.

3 bedrooms, en suite, family bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, sun room, rear garden, two car parking spaces. EPC rating: C

NEW PRICE

LITTLEPORT **£219,995**

A modern three storey home providing four bedroom accommodation situated in a favourable location within this popular development.

4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, entrance hall, cloakroom, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, gas central heating, double glazing, single garage. EPC rating: C

NEW

LITTLEPORT **£150,000**

A semi detached home providing three bedroom accommodation set within a large established plot.

3 bedrooms, family bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, external utility room, gas central heating, large rear garden. EPC rating: D

NEW

ELY **£164,950**

Formerly the show home, this attractive modern coach house was built by the national developers ' Barratt Homes', forming part of the popular 'Cathedral View' development, with a pleasant aspect over a large green area to the front.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, garage and allocated parking. EPC rating: C

NEW PRICE

LITTLEPORT **£129,950**

This end terrace cottage occupies a convenient village location placed within easy reach of Littleport's centre and all local amenities.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, gas central heating, double glazing and courtyard garden. EPC rating: D

NEW

SOHAM **£179,950**

An immaculate modern terraced home providing well proportioned three bedroom accommodation with views over Qua Fen Common.

3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, bathroom, entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, kitchen, double glazing, gas central heating, rear garden and two allocated parking spaces. EPC rating: C

NEW

SOLD STC

SOHAM **£199,950**

Constructed in 2007 this beautifully presented three bedroom home is nicely situated within this popular development with accommodation arranged over three levels.

3 bedrooms, 2 shower rooms, bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, gas central heating, double glazing, garage, driveway and enclosed rear garden. EPC rating: C

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Ely 3 miles

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- Situated on a large plot
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HADDENHAM O.I.R.O. £112,500

- Ideal investment/1st purchase
- First floor corner apartment
- Central village location
- Open plan living/ fitted kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- EPC Rating tbc

WITCHFORD

- Modern terraced home
- 2 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge/dining room
- Bathroom
- Garage and garden
- No onward chain
- EPC Rating tbc

STUNTNEY £500,000

- Individual detached house
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- 3 reception rooms
- Lounge/dining room
- Large fitted kitchen and utility
- 4 double bedrooms
- Double garage and garden
- EPC Rating

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LITTLE THETFORD £250,000

- A RARE OPPORTUNITY
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- EPC tbc

LITTLE THETFORD OIRO £300,000

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- A double fronted period village property
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- EPC Band G.
- NO UPWARD CHAIN.

ELY £430,000

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- Lounge
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Soham
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Soham
This home has grown! Your family can too!
EPC E

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Enjoy the garden all year round!
EPC D

Designed by our seller, this attractive four bedroom detached property has masses of kerb appeal and plenty of off road parking, plus a double garage.There is an abundance of space and masses of potential and versatility, ideal for the growing family. REF: 8677

Call now to view this!

Guide Price £550,000 to £575,000

Privacy with style! EPC D

Soham

My sellers set out to create a home that dreams are made of. They have certainly shown a flair for interior design with their decoration and presentation of this stunning four bedroom detached house which is in a class of it's own. Accessed via its own private driveway, this property is set back from the road and is positioned behind double gates providing a safe and secure environment for children to play. REF: 9176

- Detached house
- Four double bedrooms
- Four reception rooms
- Outside games room
- Hot tub room
- Double garage/gym

View now!

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Guide Price £290,000 to £300,000

Space for the grandchildren! EPC C

Ely

Simply stunning. A beautifully presented bungalow tucked away in a cul de sac just off Kings Avenue in the ever popular city of Ely. A modern bright interior with plenty of room for those looking for life on one level without compromising on living space. A great home for the young at heart looking to the future. Plenty of space for the family to visit! REF: 9384

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage and Off Road Parking
- Ely Location
- Modern interior

Life on one level!

Guide Price £240,000 to £250,000

The lounge is for living in EPC D

Ely

Tucked away in a quiet cul de sac overlooking the playing fields, this semi detached townhouse makes an ideal home for those looking for space for visitors to stay, or for teenagers to have their own space. Ely College and The Lanterns Primary School are just around the corner and commuting is made easy with access to the A10 a short drive away. What are you waiting for? Call to view! REF: 9322

- Semi detached house
- Three double bedrooms
- Walk in wardrobe
- Single garage
- Off street parking
- Town house with field views

Perfect first time buy!

Guide Price £235,000 to £245,000

Stunning Interior EPC D

Witchford

If you are looking for something a little bit different with lots of natural light and spacious rooms, then ring to view this Scandinavian style three bedroom semi detached family home. REF: 8905

- Three bedrooms with en-suite to master
- Separate lounge and dining room
- Ground floor cloakroom
- Carport and garage
- Great size garden
- Balcony with field views

Let There Be Light...And There Is!

Guide Price £400,000 To £425,000

The Kitchen Is the Heart Of This Home EPC D

Witchford

There is far more than meets the eye within this three bedroom detached family home set on a plot of approximately one acre (STS). Our seller has lived at the property for more years than he cares to remember and the property has certainly evolved. REF - 8814

- Extensive plot of approx 1 acre (sts)
- Modern open plan kitchen/diner
- Wet room & family bathroom
- Gas heating to radiators
- Garage & additional parking
- Planning permission for extension

Cul De Sac Position

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UNRIVALLED COVERAGE AROUND ELY

NEW

Ely £350,000

A great opportunity to purchase this 18th Century home having many character features, situated in a highly regarded City Centre location backing onto Cherry Hill Park and within easy walking distance of the City amenities, popular riverside, mainline railway station and The King's School. The property is offered for sale with no upward chain and viewing is highly recommended. EPR TBC.

NEW

Ely £415,000

Highly individual versatile townhouse in central location ideal for railway station, backing onto Cherry Hill Park with superb views of parkland & distant Ely Cathedral. Ground floor entrance hall, bedroom/office with ensuite, cloakroom & garden room/ utility room, first floor galleried kitchen/diner overlooking sitting room, 3 second floor bedrooms & bathroom. There is off road parking & garden to rear. EPR C.

NEW

Haddenham £465,000

Situated close to the centre of this highly regarded village, this established detached family home offers stylish versatile living accommodation comprising entrance hallway, study/utility room, lounge, dining room, kitchen, lobby, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite) and family bathroom. The property also benefits from a car port and gardens. EPR E.

NEW

Haddenham £395,000

Situated on a small development of detached family homes, this 5 bedroom house backs onto farmland. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study, 5 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, double garage, parking and gardens. EPR E.

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NEW PRICE

Soham £217,950

An established semi detached house, well located for access to the many Town amenities and Soham Village College. Accommodation briefly comprises lounge, separate dining room/bedroom 4, kitchen, conservatory, 3 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and driveway parking. EPR E.

NEW PRICE

Sutton £289,950

An individual detached bungalow in a non estate location with superb views across the surrounding countryside and backing onto farmland. Hallway, kitchen, lounge, dining room, utility room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, double garage/workshop, parking & gardens. The property also benefits from oil central heating. EPR D.

NEW PRICE

Wilburton £435,000

Situated on a plot of approximately an acre (sts) this highly individual detached bungalow has been extended to offer extensive accommodation comprising entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, garden room, study, cloakroom, rear lobby, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite) & bathroom. There is a single garage, parking & gardens. EPR C.

NEW

Littleport £250,000

A Grade II Listed detached family home in the centre of this popular village. The proprty contains many period features and has been extended to offer versatile accommodation including kitchen, dining room, lounge, study/play room, bathroom, 3 bedrooms, garden, garage and off road parking. The property is being offered for sale with no upward chain. EPR N/R.

Littleport £350,000

Situated on a small select development this detached family home has views across surrounding countryside and offers spacious accommodation which includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study, family room, kitchen / breakfast room, utility room, 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite), double garage, gardens, parking. EPR C.

NEW PRICE

Witchford £400,000

A barn and milking parlour with planning permission for conversion into 2 residential units with parking and gardens within the grounds of a listed property, Alderforth House.

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UNRIVALLED COVERAGE AROUND ELY

Ely £595,000

A superbly presented detached family home built to a high specification and offering versatile family living accommodation. Hall, kitchen/family room, utility, lounge, study, cloakroom, master bed with dressing room & ensuite, 3 further bedrooms, 'Jack & Jill' bathroom, family bathroom, double garage, parking & gardens. EPR B.

Little Downham £440,000

A superbly presented detached home in a secluded cul de sac location. Hall, cloakroom, open plan kitchen/dining room, utility room, lounge/study area, 4 double bedrooms (master with dressing room area & ensuite), bathroom, rear garden & off road parking. Viewing highly recommended to fully appreciate this spacious modern build. EPR B.

Soham £198,000

An established semi detached house in need of modernisation and updating. The accommodation currently comprises entrance hallway, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, ground floor shower room, rear lobby, 3 bedrooms, off road parking & gardens. EPR F.

Littleport £299,950

Superbly presented detached home on a corner plot with an attractive outlook. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, dining room, study, lounge, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, fully enclosed garden, double garage & off road parking. Also benefits from gas central heating, double glazing & NHBC. EPR E.

Soham £275,000

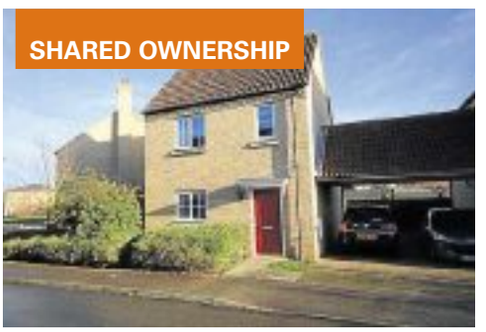
An established detached house (circa 1929) situated in a central Town location, well located for access to the many amenities. Superbly presented internally, the accommodation comprises entrance hallway, kitchen, dining room, lounge, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, parking, garage, outbuildings & gardens. EPR D.

Sutton £305,000

A greatly improved period detached house is situated close to the centre of this highly regarded village, it has a southerly facing generous plot. Accommodation briefly comprises kitchen, 3 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, studio / workshop, garage, parking and gardens. EPR F.

Soham £220,000

Deceptively spacious detached bungalow having superbly presented accommodation throughout. Entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms and bathroom, garden backing onto open farmland and a spacious driveway providing substantial off road parking. The property benefits from gas central heating & double glazing. EPR C.



Ely £125,000

A well presented link detached property situated in a highly regarded location and offered for sale on a 50% shared ownership basis. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, spacious lounge/dining room, 3 bedrooms and bathroom, together with car port and gardens. The property is sold with no upward chain. EPR TBC.

Ely £179,950

A ground floor 2 bedroom apartment forming part of the former Holy Trinity Parish Hall situated in a central City location. Well placed for the many local amenities, the accommodation briefly comprises open plan lounge/kitchen, 2 bedrooms and bathroom, together with courtyard rear garden. EPR B.

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Littleport £575 pcm

End of terrace 2 bedroom property with gas heating, double glazing, rear garden and parking. EPC:C

Little Downham £600 pcm

Modern and well presented 2 bedroom property with gas heating, double glazing, garden & parking. EPC:B

Ely £650 pcm

Modern first floor 1 bedroom flat ideally located in the heart of the City centre. EPC:B

Ely £795 pcm

Semi detached 3 bedroom property with central heating, garage, driveway and garden. EPC:D

Ely £800 pcm

Modern 3 bedroom terrace house with gas heating, enclosed garden, single garage and parking. EPC:C

Ely £850 pcm

Modern 3 bedroom semi detached family house with enclosed garden, driveway and gas heating. EPC:C

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3 bedroom property with gas heating, double glazing, enclosed garden, garage & off road parking. EPC:C

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LITTLE DOWNHAM £245,000

NEW

A particularly well-appointed, modern, detached residence which lies in a desirable position within this sought after village location.

Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Dual Aspect Sitting Room, Dual Aspect Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility Room, 3 Bedrooms (1 en-suite), Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front Garden, Enclosed Rear Garden, Off Road Parking, Garage.

ELY £595,000

NEW

A unique opportunity to purchase a detached townhouse with ground floor studio and superb views of the Cathedral situated in the centre of the historic city of Ely.

Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Study/Office, Studio with Kitchenette and Shower Room, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Workshop, Conservatory/Garden Room, Roof Terrace, Garage, Off Road Parking.

SOHAM £229,950

NEW

A superbly appointed, three bedroom, end of terraced townhouse which is lies in an appealing end of a cul de sac position on this sought after development.

Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Kitchen with Built-in Appliances, Utility Area, Master Bedroom Suite with Dressing Area and En-Suite Shower Room, 2 Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden, Garage, Off Road Parking.
EPC - 85(B)

LITTLE THETFORD £430,000

NEW

An attractive and rare opportunity to acquire a character, four bedroom family home situated on a generous plot on the edge of this much sought after south Ely village.

Entrance Hall, Living Room, Study, Dining Room, Garden Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Shower Room, 4 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Outbuildings, Open Cart Lodge Style Garage.
No Upward Chain
EPC - 53(E)

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ELY £139,950

NEW

A well-presented, 2 bedroom, ground floor flat overlooking the amenity green to the front and situated in the much sought after Cathedral View development.

Reception Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Electric Storage Heating, Double Glazing, Off Road Parking.

No Upward Chain
EPC - 67(D)

MEPAL £229,950

A particularly well-proportioned, 3 bedroom, detached bungalow with conservatory and garage which lies in an appealing cul de sac position on this sought after village development.

Entrance Hall, Dual Aspect Living Room, Conservatory, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Bedroom Three/Dining Room, Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, Further Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Garage.

EPC 64(D)

LITTLEPORT £129,950

NEW

A 2 bedroom semi-detached cottage situated close to the village amenities and walking distance of the railway station.

Living Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Rear Porch, 2 Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden.

No Upward Chain
EPC - 54(E)

ELY £239,950

A spacious, 3 double bedroom, end of terrace 3 storey townhouse which lies in an appealing position overlooking an amenity green on this much sought after development.

Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen with Built-in Cooking Appliances, Living Room, Master Bedroom with Dressing Room and En-Suite Shower Room, 2 Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Enclosed Rear Garden, Garage, Off Road Parking.

EPC - 79(C)

LITTLEPORT £349,950

A charming, 3/4 bedroom detached cottage situated on a generous plot with several large workshops and positioned in a quiet location on the outskirts of this thriving Village.

Reception Hall, Reception Lobby/Study, Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Utility Room, Dining Room, Snug, Side Porch, Sitting Room, Conservatory, Bed4/ Playroom, 3 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Cabin/Office, Single Garage, Workshop, 4 Further Sheds, Ample Secure Parking, Enclosed Rear Garden, Private Courtyard Garden with Raised Terrace.

No Upward Chain
EPC - 59(D)

ELY £137,500

NEW

A well-presented 2 bedroom ground floor apartment with excellent views over the amenity green and situated in the much sought after Cathedral View development.

Communal Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Living Room/Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, 2 Bedrooms, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Allocated Parking.

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SUTTON £210,000

A well-proportioned, 1950s built double fronted semi-detached house which lies on a good sized plot backing on to open countryside in this sought after well served village location. EPC - 62(D)

LITTLE DOWNHAM £229,950

A spacious and well-presented 3 bedroom detached bungalow situated on a private road, offering an excellent level of privacy, just a short walk from the village centre. No Upward Chain. EPC - 62(D)

ELY £81,250

An ideal first time buyer, 1 bedroom, apartment offering 65% ownership and situated in a highly desirable location. Living Room/Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, GCH, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Reserved Parking Space. EPC - 78(C)

ALDRETH £275,000

A particularly well appointed, 4 bedroom, detached house which lies in a small cul de sac setting backing on to garden land within this popular hamlet. EPC - 46(E)

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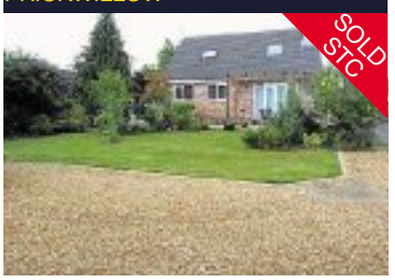

A particularly well presented, spacious, individually designed 4/5 bedroom detached property which lies towards the end of a country lane in a peaceful setting in this popular village location. EPC - 76(C)

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A beautifully presented modern family home situated on the much sought after Cathedral View development just a short walk from the City Centre. EPC - 80(C)

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A superbly appointed, end of terrace property with a delightful conservatory and benefiting from a large rear garden in a desirable position within this sought after location. EPC - 72(C)

LITTLEPORT

A 2 bedroom bungalow situated in a quiet corner plot next to the Grange Nursing Home and walking distance of the village amenities. No Upward Chain. EPC - 73(C)

ELY £1,050 pcm*

A four bedroom, detached house situated on a highly regarded residential development.

Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Four Good Sized Bedrooms, En-Suite to Master Bedroom, GCH, Rear Garden, Garage and Carport. EPC - 66(D)

Available Mid March - Unfurnished

ELY £750 pcm*

A modern three bedroom end of terrace house. The property benefits from gas central heating, an enclosed rear garden, carport & parking space. EPC - 71(C)
Available End of February - Unfurnished

MEPAL £725 pcm*

A well proportioned double fronted modern detached bungalow, situated in a cul-de-sac within this highly regarded village location. EPC - 66(D)
Available Immediately - Unfurnished

SOHAM £525 pcm*

A superbly presented 1 bedroom house which lies in an appealing position within this well served location. EPC - 63(D)
Available Immediately - Unfurnished

BRANDON CREEK £725 pcm*

A spacious 3 bedroom detached bungalow set on a plot of around 1/3 of a acre, which lies next to the Little Ouse river, just a few miles north of Littleport. EPC - 35(F)
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- Two Bedrooms
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- EPC Rating D

£120,000

SUTTON

- Semi Detached House
- 3/4 Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Study
- EPC TBC

£157,000

CHATTERIS

- End Terraced
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Rating D

£129.000

CHATTERIS

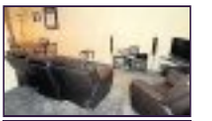
- Detached Victorian House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- EPC Rating E

£233,000

CHATTERIS

- Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden
- EPC Rating D

£120,000



CHATTERIS

- Three Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- UPVC Double Glazing
- EPC Rating C

£150,000

CHATTERIS

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Popular Residential Location
- Conservatory
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- UPVC Double Glazing
- EPC Rating E

£154,950

CHATTERIS

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Semi-Rural Location With Field Views
- Kitchen/Diner
- Large Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Rating E

£138,000

CHATTERIS

- Extended Three/ Four Bedroom Detached House
- En- Suite To Master Bedroom
- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- EPC Rating E

£220,000

CHATTERIS

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen & Utility
- EPC Rating C

£220,000

CHATTERIS

- Detached Four Bedroom Bungalow
- En Suite to Master
- Utility Room
- Conservatory
- Double Garage
- EPC Rating D

£315,000

CHATTERIS

- Non Estate location
- Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Off Road Parking
- UPVC Double Glazing
- EPC Rating C

£160,000

CHATTERIS

- Detached House
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Sun Lounge
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- UPVC Double Glazing
- EPC TBC

£249,995

WITCHFORD

- Park Home
- Village Location
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Garden

£90,000

CHATTERIS

- Ideal Investment / First Time Buy
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Rating F

£75,000

CHATTERIS

- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- En Suite To Master
- Private Driveway
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- EPC Rating C

£240,000

CHATTERIS

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- En Suite To Master
- Conservatory
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- UPVC Double Glazing
- EPC Rating E

£219,995

CHATTERIS

- No Upward Chain
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Separate Dining Room
- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Non-Estate Location
- Energy Rating - F

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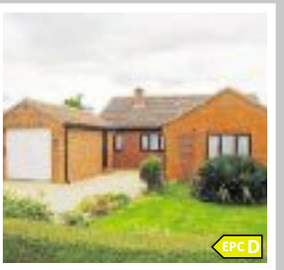

Witchford **£375,000**

- Detached Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Two Reception Rooms

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Witchford **Offers Over £270,000**

- Detached Family Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

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Manea **£210,000**

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room & Study
- Bathroom, WC & En-Suite
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Enclosed Rear Garden
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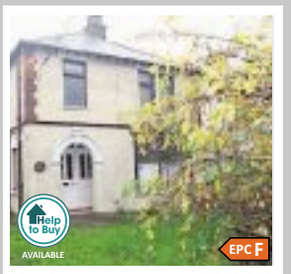

March **£300,000**

- Detached Family Property
- Extensive Plot with Outbuildings
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Study & Sunroom

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Littleport **Offers Over £120,000**

- Second Floor Apartment
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace
- Good Transport Links
- Off Road Parking
- Central Location
- Close to Amenities & Station
- Viewing Recommended

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Chatteris **Offers Over £290,000**

- Restored Chapel
- Conversion Planning Permission
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms

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March **£250,000**

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Diner

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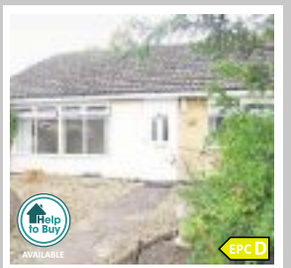

Soham **Offers Over £245,000**

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking

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Littleport **Offers Over £220,000**

- Terraced Property
- Sitting Room
- Kitchen/Diner
- Four Bedrooms

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Soham **Offers Over £210,000**

- Two Bedroom Property
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room

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Witchford **£209,995**

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Sitting/Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens

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March **£170,000**

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Garden Room & Utility Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden

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Doddington **£160,000**

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
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Soham **£325,000**

A rare opportunity to purchase an individual four double bedroom detached family home with views over the Qua Fen Common to the front. The property offers modern stylish and spacious living accommodation and viewing is essential to fully appreciate this home....

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Soham **£329,995**

An executive modern five bedroom detached family home situated within a popular development on the outskirts of this Fenland town. The property benefits from spacious and versatile accommodation and viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate this home. EPC C.

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SOHAM **OIRO £525,000**

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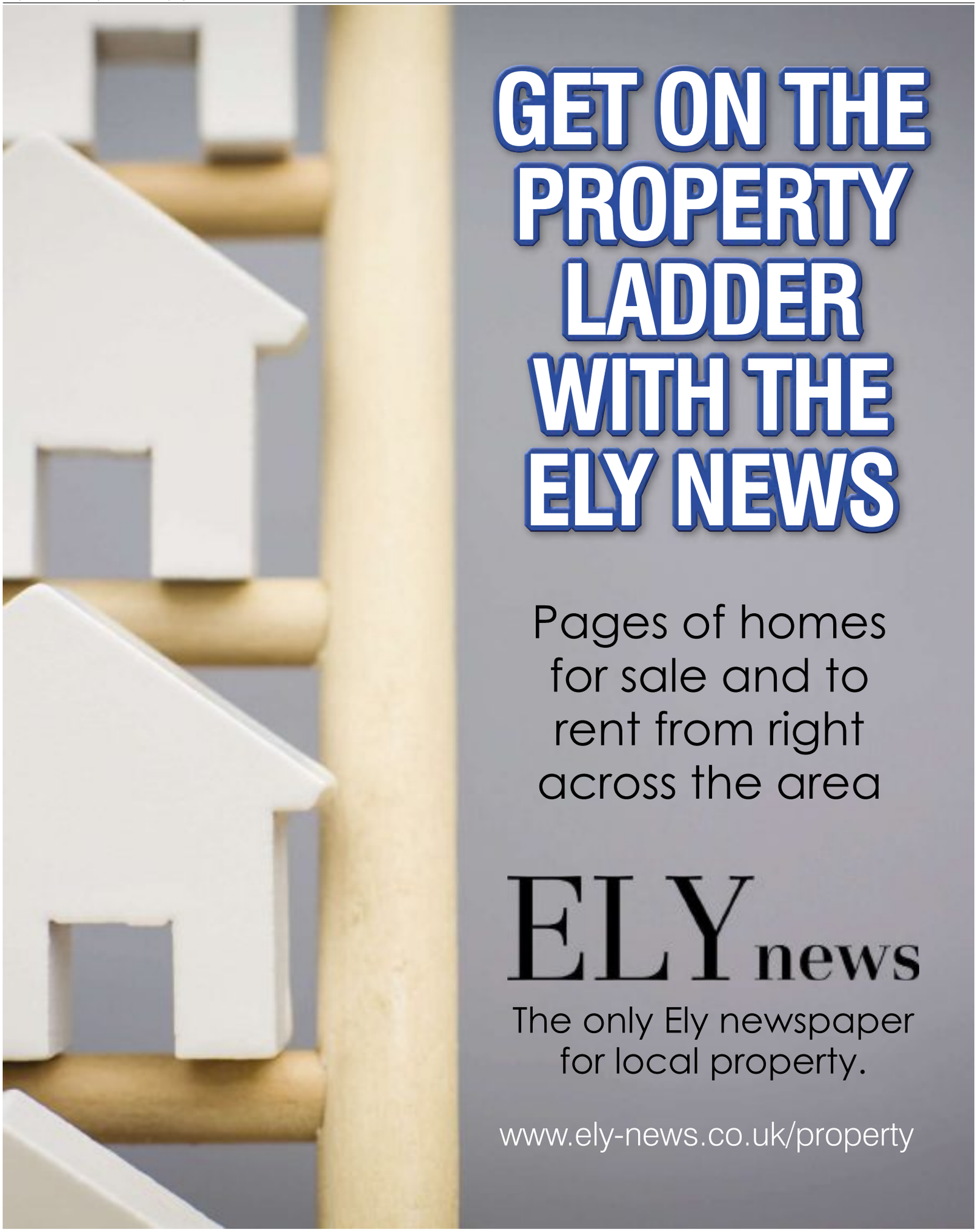
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It's time to party

IT'S party time at Cambridge Junction as the venue is celebrating 25 years in the business. From February 12th-14th, they'll be celebrating away with help from Dylan Moran, a classic quiz night and a return to their early days with a club night no nineties teen could forget.

Here are the big events:

Dylan Moran (pictured)

Scruffy-haired Moran, star of Black Books, will be trialling brand new material for his next stand-up show, Off The Hook.

Based in Edinburgh, the 43-year-old Irish born comedian was the youngest person to win the Perrier Comedy Award at 24 and made his (brilliant) film debut in Notting Hill as Rufus the thief with a book down his trousers.

More recently he toured America and featured in one of the most acclaimed films of 2014, the brooding Calvary, alongside Brendan Gleeson.

Things of Cambridge Junction: A Pub Quiz

This 25th anniversary special from Cambridge Junction artist in residence Tom Roden comes with a bit of a twist.

Roden, of Cambridge theatre duo New Art Club (run with fellow artistic director Pete Shenton), will be asking questions to test the mettle of even the most diehard Cambridgeshire locals.

Brush up on your general knowledge, weird knowledge and all things Cambridge related, then it's time to get your heads down and start concentrating, but don't forget the beer and pork scratchings.

Cum Cum Again

Nineties fashion is massively back in (crop tops, spaghetti straps, slip dresses and chokers anyone?), so it only seems right for Cambridge Junction to bring back their original – first ever – club night, circa 1990.

The night itself will feature original DJs Paul Darking, Thom Bullock and Julian Butterfield, and it's strictly over 18s only.

■ For more details call (01223) 511511 / junction.co.uk.

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ROUND UP

- FORMERLY known as the girls from Lithuanian group Mango, three of the members have reunited as MAN-GO. They're performing at Cambridge Junction on Friday at 7pm. Front-woman Rima Petrauskyt said: "I do not promise revolutions, but I can assure you that it is a great pleasure for me once again to do what I really miss." Tickets cost £17 from (01223) 511511.
- PRAVDA realises Thatcher's 1985 Britain on stage at the ADC, Cambridge, next week. Written by Howard Brenton and David Hare it sees ruthless newspaper man Lambert Le Roux terrify everyone with a regime of unethical behaviour and punishment. But will he fall prey to his own power hungry nature? And will the backbone of the British press prevail? Let's hope so. The show is running from Tuesday until Saturday at 7.45pm.Tickets are £7-£12 from (01223) 300085.
- DELVE into the unknown and the miraculous with Amygdala Wonderland. An abandoned flat is the setting for a being called Strange to tell his life story. Utilising tape recordings, costumes and prop boxes you will learn about a life teaching English as a foreign language, trainspotting, and an all-consuming obsession with the cityscape. The show is on at the Larkum Studio at the ADC from Tuesday until Saturday at 8pm.Tickets are just £5-£6 from (01223) 300085.
- JIM Boyes – from the critically acclaimed a cappella trio Coope Boyes & Simpson – has joined forces with Belinda O'Hooley to bring Cambridge Junction Sensations of a Wound. The show, which you can see on Wednesday, commemorates the First World War experiences' of Boyes' Yorkshire born grandfather through traditional song and piano music. Tickets cost £11 from (01223) 511511 and the doors open at 8pm.

MUSIC

For details of all concerts, plus ticket prices and discounts available for Students and Groups, visit cornex.co.uk/classical or call the Corn Exchange Box Office on (01223) 357851.

From Russia with love

PRUSSIA'S oldest orchestra, the St Petersburg Symphony Orchestra, heads for Cambridge Corn Exchange next Thursday, February 12, with a passionate and stirring concert, the latest in the Cambridge Classical Concert Series backed by our sister paper *Cambridge News*.

The history of the St Petersburg Symphony Orchestra began in 1931 when an ensemble was organised at the Leningrad Radio. During the Second World War Siege of Leningrad, the orchestra of Leningrad Radio was the only symphony orchestra remaining in the blockaded city. Fortunately for Cambridge audiences, no such blockades will be in place when this most prestigious of ensembles comes to town, conducted by the highly acclaimed conductor Vladimir Altschuler.

For readers who are able to get into Cambridge a little earlier in the evening, there is a pre-concert talk, starting at 6pm at the nearby Cambridge City Hotel. This entertaining and informative talk is given by local classical music expert James Day, and provides an excellent overview of the pieces of music you are about to hear, plus some fascinating insights into the composers and their lives.

At 7.30pm on the Corn Exchange stage, the concert begins with Shostakovich's Incidental Music from Hamlet. Shostakovich wrote music for 36 films, including Hamlet. The score is full of parody and highlights Hamlet's role as a 'holy fool', a figure which frequently appears in Russian music and literature and perhaps explains why Hamlet holds such an enduring appeal for Russian artists, writers and composers.

Tchaikovsky is another Russian composer with an extraordinary and dramatic life story. He conducted his Symphony No. 6 in St Petersburg in 1893 and nine days later he was dead, either from suicide or cholera, the cause of death still unclear. His Violin Concerto with which the concert continues is rousing and passionate, a consummate work from a composer at the peak of his powers. Soloist Alexander Sitkovetsky brings out all the piece's nuances with brilliance and panache in a performance which has to be seen to be believed. This astonishingly gifted violinist was one of Yehudi Menuhin's protégées.

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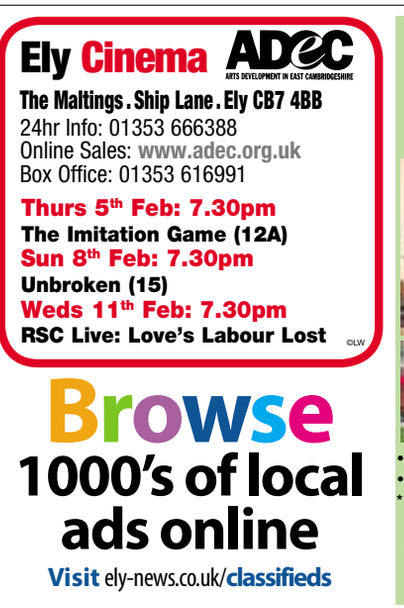
Sibelius' deep affinity with Finland finds its fullest expression in the Karelia Suite, a haunting and sublime piece of music which Sibelius composed initially as incidental music for a pageant before reworking it into three movements.

Karelia is a Finnish province which is particularly full of folklore and was a favourite spot for Finnish artists in the 19th century. The suite caused such a stir at its premiere that one audience member exclaimed: "The noise in the hall was like an ocean in a storm. I could not distinguish a single note."

Corn Exchange audiences will have a much better experience as the combination of the venue's outstanding acoustics and more civilised audience behaviour means that each note will be perfectly audible.

The concert concludes with Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet, generally considered his first great masterpiece.



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EMBROIDERY

Exhibition runs until February 28th, in the cathedral's Lady Chapel. Entry is £8, which also includes access to the cathedral. Visit www.elycathedral.org or call (01353) 660349.

Embroidery spectacle

SOME of the country's most exquisite embroidery work is now on show in Ely.

It is extremely rare for the Royal School of Needlework to exhibit outside their own premises at London's Hampton Court Palace, but this month they are exhibiting at Ely Cathedral.

The exhibition, entitled 'For Worship and Glory', includes more than 60 impressive displays of significant pieces of needlework which have been worked on by the RSN and which form part of their own collection.

One of the many highlights will be six of the twelve 'Litany of Loreto' embroidery panels which were bequeathed to the RSN by a convent in Sussex. These panels are rarely on public display.

Other pieces of work include depictions of theological figures and symbols all using a wide range of threads and embroidery techniques, as well as rare examples of white work altar cloths, burses, stoles and chalices.

Lesley Ann Thompson, director of communications at the cathedral, said: "We are very honoured to be hosting an exhibition of such rare exhibits in collaboration with the RSN.

"The last exhibition of embroidery at Ely was over 20 years ago. For most people this will be the only opportunity to see some significant pieces of embroidery rarely on public display such as the Litany of Loreto panels.

"Even if you are not drawn to embroidery or sewing, the exhibition cannot fail to impress."

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Artefacts from Ely Cathedral's own collection will also be on display. These include a Mediaeval Cope (circa 1470), an 18th century gold vestment set and the recently restored white altar frontal dating from 1897.

Thanks to the Society of Antiquaries, an 11th century gilded bronze chasuble pin will also be temporarily returning to Ely especially for the exhibition. It was originally discovered in the tomb of Archbishop Wulfstan (d. 1023) who is buried in the cathedral, and was gifted to the society in 1771.

The exhibition opened on Wednesday and is running right the way through to February 28 in the cathedral's Lady Chapel. Entry is £8, which also includes access to the cathedral. Visit www.elycathedral.org or call (01353) 660349.

FILM DOCUMENTARY

Film at cathedral will capture Second World War moments

THE Diamond44 Community Film Project is busy putting the finishing touches to its forthcoming film documentary, *A Strange Day at Queen Adelaide*.

The audience attending the event at Ely Cathedral on Saturday, February 28 are in for a few noisy surprises. In the opening four minutes they will be taken back to a Cambridgeshire under attack – and attacking.

The air-raid siren sounds and enemy bombs are heard to fall on Ely Beet Sugar Factory, a returning Lancaster Bomber radios Witchford Aerodrome to request a priority landing before fly loudly over the cathedral and landing nearby. The film finally starts to roll showing the devastation at Soham railway station. Not fictitious, but events that really happened around the Ely area in the Second World War.

Tickets for the film, which starts at 7pm, are £7.50 and are available by calling (01353) 660349 or visiting https://tickets.elycathedral.org.

Proceeds will be used to promote community rowing on the River Ouse.

A Strange Day at Queen Adelaide, Ely Cathedral, Saturday, February 28 at 7pm. Tickets £7.50. Call (01353) 660349.

CLOSER TO HOME

- 2012 Spanish film, Blancanieves (Snow White), is being screened in Ely on Monday, February 16.
The Ely Film Society screening is being held at the Old Palace, on Palace Green, at 7.30pm and non-members are welcome. Call (01353) 668639 or visit www.elyfilmsociety.com.

- FANS of classic TV comedy are in for a treat when the Ely Amateur Dramatic Society performs The Vicar of Dibley.
Performances are at Ely College's Needhams Hall from Wednesday, February 18 to Saturday, February 21 at 7.30pm each night. Tickets are £8 and are available from Burrows Bookshop in Ely's High Street Passage, or by calling (01353) 669759.

- SOHAM'S KD Theatre Productions is looking for talented young performers aged 6-18 to star in its upcoming production of Disney's Aladdin.
Audition workshops are being held at the Ross Peers Sports Centre in Soham on Sunday, February 15.
The workshop for those aged 11-16 is from 10am-1pm and the one for children aged 6-10 is from 2-4pm. For more information, call (01638) 781037.

- THE award-winning Jennifer Crook Trio are coming to Ely on Wednesday, February 18.
The Ely Folk Club concert is at the Old Dispensary, in St Mary's Street, at 8pm and the talented Foxglove Trio are supporting them.
Tickets are £9 on the door or £8 in advance. Call (01353) 740999 or (01353) 664706.

- A COUNTRY line dance is being held in Prickwillow on Saturday, February 7.
Paul Bailey is hosting the event at the Hiam Sports and Social Club, in Putney Hill Road. For information, call (01353) 688269 or visit www.hiam.org.uk.

- IRISH and country music sensation Pat Jordan and the Finian's Rainbow will be delighting the crowds in Soham this weekend.
They are performing at The Brook, in Brook Street, on Saturday, February 7. The show starts at 9pm, although food will be served from 7pm onwards. Tickets are £15.
On Friday, February 13, Irish and country musician Kenny Paul is also performing at the venue. Tickets for the show, which also starts at 9pm, are £12.50.
For more information, call (01353) 721748 or visit www.brookentertainment.co.uk.

- TICKETS for Ely Cathedral's Sparkling Valentine's Day Concert on Saturday, February 14, featuring pianist Warren Mailley-Smith and soprano, Susan Parkes, are available by calling (01353) 660349.
The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £20.

TOTALLY DEVOTED: Frank and Barbara met in the 60s at a dance and "have never looked back"
Pictures: David Johnson

Alzheimer's won't stop us living life to the full

Over the past two years, Frank Breslin has watched, helpless, as his beloved wife Barbara slowly succumbs to Alzheimer's disease. Now acting as her full-time carer, he tells Lydia Fallon why he's determined to see the light in a dark situation.

FRANK Breslin is a typical down-to-earth northerner. With a dry sense of humour and twinkle in his eye, he's constantly joking, enquiring if my dictaphone understands 'Lancastrian', teasing the photographer about how much he charges per pose, and laughing with his beloved wife Barbara about the one-year age gap between them: "Barbara is 75 next month, but I'm much younger than that. . . I'm only going to be 74 in May!"

It's lovely to witness, and quite remarkable given what both Frank and Barbara have been through over the past two years.

In May 2012, Barbara was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and with the symptoms growing progressively worse over time, Frank has had to witness his wife of nearly 50 years succumb to the grips of the condition, and become a woman, at times, he can barely even recognize.

They dreamed of a happy retirement together – holidays in Italy and gardening until the sun went down – but instead Frank devotes his days to looking after his wife. It's been "frustrating, alarming and, at times, very scary", but they are both determined to keep smiling regardless.

"You've got to have a laugh, you know," Frank chuckles, at his Balsham home. "If you go all withdrawn and into a shell, life isn't worth living. You've got to take the positive out of things and do what you can to enjoy life.

"I think laughter can offset disease in some ways; I had a friend with stomach cancer and he had a tremendous sense of humour, right until the end; he was absolutely incredible and very inspiring."

He adds: "You've only got one life, so you've got to live it."

Frank and Barbara fell in love in the early 60s, when they met at a social club dance in Warrington, "and we've never looked back since, have we Barbara?"

They both grew up in small villages in Lancashire, but moved to Cambridge in 1964, where Frank worked for the Ministry of Agriculture and Barbara in a library. Their life, Frank says, has been pretty normal; they'd spend time with their two children ("two that we know about," Frank laughs) and four grandchildren, potter around the garden, and enjoy regular holidays to the Lake District.

But that normality quickly disappeared when Frank started to notice subtle changes in his wife's behaviour. "Barbara started suffering from short-term memory loss about three and a half years ago. At first we thought it was just old age, but it got so bad that we eventually went to the GP, and he alerted a consultant at Fulbourn. The consultant came round and assessed Barbara, and concluded that it was Alzheimer's."

The diagnosis hit hard, "I think because there's so many negative connotations with dementia it was really frightening for both of us at first. But I suppose, like everything, you soon get used to these things."

The most common type of dementia, Alzheimer's disease affects almost 500,000 people in the UK. A degenerative condition, the symptoms include memory loss, confusion, disorientation, personality changes and lack of mobility. There currently is no cure.

There are good and bad days, Frank admits, but as the disease has taken hold, even the simplest things have become more and more complicated.

"Barbara doesn't really have any short term memory now, so you can tell her something and

PORTRAIT OF HAPPINESS: Frank and Barbara with some of their family (copyright Olan Mills '02)

then 10 seconds later she's completely forgotten it," explains Frank, describing her symptoms. "She'll quite often ask me 'Is Frank coming home from work?' and I have to explain that I am Frank and I've been retired for years. Or she'll say something like 'Knock on the door and see if my Dad's in'.

"I'd prepared myself for the worst, so I just try and take each day as it comes. I think it's a matter of building up experience and accepting things."

Barbara has experienced problems with her mobility too, and also suffers from epilepsy, osteoporosis and sight loss, meaning she needs around the clock care. "The Alzheimer's seems to be affecting the part of the brain concerned with mobility, so she has extreme difficulty with walking, and the brain doesn't seem to be talking to her legs," says Frank. "If you couple that with her epilepsy, it means she is terrified of falling over, and even going from the door to the car can be a major exercise.

"Even if I go out to walk the dog for just half an hour, I always feel really anxious and start to worry. That restriction is really hard," he admits.

What one would call a 'man's man', taking on the role of carer has forced Frank to do things he would never have even contemplated before. "Like many carers I have to do everything in the house now. I've always been used to working pretty hard, but I'm now learning lots of new skills; things I never did before," he smiles. "I do all the cooking, most of the cleaning and washing – although I draw the line at ironing – and gardening.

"It's forced me to grow up a bit; I never took anything very seriously before, but it's been an educational experience in many ways."

What's been the hardest part? "Losing someone you've been married to for 49 years and them being replaced with somebody who you can't really have a conversation with, has been really difficult to come to terms with. Barbara's emotions are quite dulled now; she's not really stimulated in anyway and just sits there in her chair. She still looks like Barbara, but then she's different to what she used to be like.

"She's always been a quiet person, never someone who was particularly outgoing, but she was just a nice person, a moral person, who was interested in lots of different things, who you could have a good conversation with, have a walk with, all those kind of things," says Frank, a little wistfully.

He admits to feeling frustrated at times, even angry. "You get irritated and annoyed at first, sometimes at just the slightest thing. But I think it's because of fear; you shout because you feel afraid," Frank says, quietly. "We've had 49 years of normality and then suddenly Barbara's saying bizarre things, forgetting everything you tell her, and can't do anything for herself anymore.

"I kick myself afterwards if I do shout at her, because I realise it's not Barbara; it's the disease affecting her brain."

But despite what they have to face, Frank is determined not to feel any bitterness about their situation. "There's no point feeling resentful about these kinds of things, these things happen," he muses. "We knew people before who it had happened to, and you just have to accept it. You have to make the most of life; yes it's exhausting sometimes, physically and emotionally, but I get a lot of satisfaction out of it too."

When he does feel his spirits waver, Frank says the amazing support he's received has proved an invaluable help. "Our social life has never been so busy," he laughs.

Thanks to a whole host of organisations, including the Alzheimer's Society, the Carers Trust and the Dementia Carers' Support Service, every week there's a number of social events to get involved with, ensuring the couple never feel alone. "At first you feel really isolated and don't know which way to turn, but there's some excellent help out there if you know where to find it," Frank explains. "The Dementia Carers' Support Service does an awful lot, and the meetings give you a chance to meet other people in similar circumstances to you, to grill others on the ins and out of things and compare notes.

"I've been provided with a befriender, a chap called Brian who lost his wife recently, and he's got a lot of valuable experience, and is always there at the end of the telephone to provide comfort and a chat."

He adds: "There's lots of nice people out there helping people; often volunteers who do it for nothing."

Frank's advice for other carers is simply to "take each day as it comes."

"Use common sense, be logical, and if a challenge arises try to think of the best way of tackling it in the interest of the person who's suffering. Don't panic, and if you can't cope, call in help, as there's so much out there," he says.

"And always remember they are still the same person at heart; Barbara and I still like nothing more than listening to our favourite music with a drop of red wine. . ."

The Dementia Carers' Support Service has launched a new group to help people living with dementia and those that care for them. They meet on the first Tuesday of every month at Sainsbury's in Coldham's Lane and there's free food and drink available. For more information about the group, or details about the Dementia Carers' Support Service, including how to become a volunteer, contact Sally Kitchin, project coordinator, by emailing *sally.kitchin@cpft.nhs.uk* or call (0123) 652092

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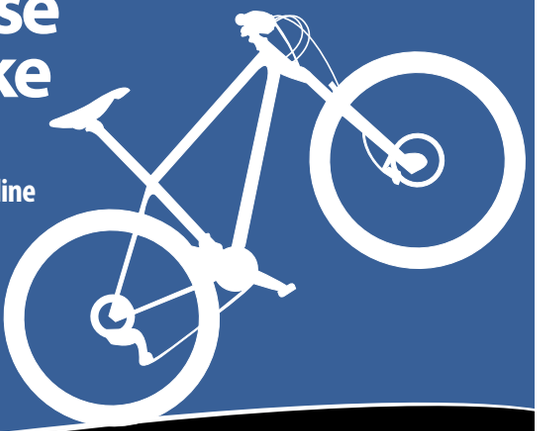

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KAREN 50yrs tall, slim, attractive, loves sport, seeking similar aged male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 405045**

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 384852**

FEMALE 58, honest and caring seeks N/S male 50-64 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 404999**

LISA 42, single parent, GSOH, caring, loving, honest, looking for relationship with male, 35-50. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 403653**

LINDA 55, quiet medium build WLTM genuine, caring male 55-60 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 404227**

BLONDE female, 55, vivacious, professional, seeks solvent, independent male with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 356795**

JO 42, 5ft 2ins, slim, blue/grey eyes, blonde hair, honest, genuine, seeking nice male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 403133**

ATTRACTIVE lady, 72, looks/acts younger, seeks similar gent for nights out and cosy nights in. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 400871**

WIDOW 62, N/S, brown hair, 5ft 9ins, many interests, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 396733**

ALISON 54, widow, kind, likes days out, seeking male for friendship/companionship, meals out etc. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 401249**

BLUE eyed blonde lady, likes dancing, cinema, shows, GSOH, seeks gent, 62-67 for good times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 402101**

BROOKE 21yr old blue eyed babe looking for mature male who can accommodate for social meets hopefully leading to more. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 400121**

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MARY Anne, attractive, blonde, blue/green eyes, tactile romantic, cultured, seeks similar male, 55-65 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 398703**

JENNY 59, divorced, N/S, driver, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 398407**

LOUISA 36, dark blue eyes, wavy hair, pretty, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 380033**

BRIGHT outgoing 50's blonde, seeking sincere male to share smiles, friendship and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 391283**

28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 380918**

YOUNG at heart lady, 68, GSOH, likes dining out, dancing, weekends away, seeks male of similar age, must be genuine. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 398855**

KIND caring, loving female, 48, seeking male for romance, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 393392**

MARIA 46, attractive blonde, blue eyes, fun loving, caring, GSOH, seeks caring, kind man for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 393941**

FEMALE 59, caring, honest, seeks N/S male, 50-63 to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 394358**

ROMANTIC honest, caring, reliable lady, 40's, attractive, cuddly, size 16-18, hazel eyes, blonde hair, seeks true gent for good times, friendship, possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 392165**

LOUISA dark blue eyes, fair wavy hair, very pretty and feminine, 5ft 7ins, kind, caring, honest, sincere, GSOH, seeks similar male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 399453**

48YR old female, would love to have a child, seeking a kind, sensitive male to embark on this journey with someone. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 362063**

CLAIRE-LOUISE 30, smoker, 4yr old daughter, likes cinema, meals out, walks, seeks similar male. Suffolk. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 367889**

HI I'm Amy, 60's medium build, varied interests, likes wildlife, music, seeking someone 65-70yrs to share the good things in life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 404095**

50YR old black lady, caring, honest, slim, new to area, lonely, likes music, holidays, meals out, seeks honest, reliable gent, 60-65 to share good things in life, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 403633**

RETIRED lady, enjoys dancing, walks, reading, WLTM similar aged male for friendship initially. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 403477**

PETITE lady 60's, likes dancing, walks, theatre, seeks male with similar interests for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 384839**

JOANNE 5ft, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking Tom Hardy lookalike, dark hair, likes music, walks, socialising, meals/night out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 403309**

ATTRACTIVE young at heart lady, 5ft 9ins, medium build, GSOH, OHAC, varied interests, seeks gentleman similar for friendship/LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 401893**

ALICE retired, seeking man of my dreams, 65-70yrs, give me a call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 403137**

JO 41, 5ft 2ins, slim, blonde, genuine, caring, friendly, GSO looking for similar male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 392037**

BLOND lady, 50, attractive, size 20, seeking, honest, funny man for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 400061**

SHEILA widow, 69, WLTM genuine, caring, loving gent of similar age for LTR. Must be car owner and N/S. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 402867**

ATTRACTIVE cuddly, curvy, caring, sincere lady, 40's, GSOH, outgoing, homely, seeks sincere gent, N/S, 45 plus for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 346059**

PETRIANA honest, sincere, caring lady, 40's, attractive, blonde, 5ft 6ins, curvaceous, seeks old school type gent for friendship, possibly LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 376629**

ATTRACTIVE female, 45, 5ft 3ins, likes pet, cooking, music, walks, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 40's for lasting relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 402589**

CARING honest female, GSOH, seeking N/S male to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 402561**

Men seeking women

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CHRISTIAN man, young 57, 5ft 11ins, N/S, likes restaurants, theatre, travel, seeks slim-medium build feminine female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 406493**

MATTHEW, 43 widower, business manager, solvent, reasonable looks but lonely. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4624150**

MARK single dad, 5ft 6ins, brown hair/eyes, seeking fun loving lady for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 406293**

COMEDY script writer/businessman, seeks funny woman 54-60 to make his world a better place. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 379585**

MALE 56, medium build, honest, caring, easy going, hardworking, OHAC, seeks caring female for lasting relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 406481**

KIND male, 48, likes cinema, meals out, concerts, seeks loving lady, 39-50 with similar interests for lasting relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 406429**

KEN looking for Barbie, young mid 50's creative, amateur inventor, Christian, kind, considerate romantic nice guy, give me a try. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 405231**

PASSIONATE loving, friendly guy 51, seeks lively, bubbly, buxom, shapely female, 30-70 for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 406323**

CHRIS 47, young looks, blue eyes, shaven head, romantic, spontaneous, seeks female for relationship and lots of laughs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 340181**

OLDER guy 51, loving, friendly, caring, seeks lively, bubbly, fun loving, younger female, 20-40 for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 406163**

KARL 39, slim, shaven hair, likes socialising, football, spending time with family, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 405655**

COUNTRY dude, seeks friends, mature 50yr old builder, for fun times, leading to concrete relationship, female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 406275**

SUMMER is a lonely place. Fit divorced male, own business, seeks female 35-47 with or without children/pets. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 404141**

DOMINIC 40, 5ft 8ins, medium build, blue eyes, brown hair, genuine, warm hearted, many interests, seeks genuine medium/large female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 405839**

CHRISTIAN male very young 57, GSOH enjoys motor biking, keep fit, gardening, animal lover seeks young female 20-50 for LTR fun nights in/out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 405365**

MALE 50, GSOH, honest, reliable, likes nights in/out, travel, seeks female with lots of love and care. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 405561**

GOOD looking male, 45, 5ft 8ins, intelligent, articulate, funny, GSOH, seeks attractive lady with GSOH and in pretty good shape. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 406179**

50 shades of grey, rugged, outdoor type, hardworking, seeks uncomplicated female for fun, friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 402605**

GENUINE male, 39, likes nights in/out, walks, travel, seeks female, 39-50, looks/size unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 335487**

66YR old male, 6ft, widower, N/S, clean shaven, smart, likes social outings, holidays, music, dancing, seeks well dressed female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 394741**

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MALE 39, 6ft, slim, brown hair/eyes, likes nights in/out, walks, travel, seeks female, 40-55. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 333049**

ROY 43, dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft 10ins, GSOH, smart, fashionable, broadminded, seeks similar female for fun, possible relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 405785**

RETIRED active gent, seeks female, 50 plus in Kings Lynn area for discreet, daytime adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 406193**

SMART male, 5ft 9ins, N/S, GSOH, young 63, well travelled, fit, seeks slim, attractive, easy going lady for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 405963**

PETER 49yrs looking for relationship with lady willing to meet ASAP to help me move on. Must be car owner/driver. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 404041**

LAIDBACK well educated, retired male, well travelled, solvent, seeks lady, 50-70 for friendship and romance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 405861**

DECENT looking male, solvent, OHAC/business, lovely personality, GSOH, honest, loving, tactile, seeks LTR with attractive female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 405577**

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE village male, mid 60's, solvent, OHAC, active, likes nights in/out, seeks likeminded female, 56-65 for lasting friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 405439**

60'S gent widower, N/S, likes countryside, keeping fit, WLTM nice well dressed lady to take out on weekends/eves to see a show or something. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 404581**

DAVE genuine guy, 6ft, black hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes sports, gardening, music, seeks female with GSOH and genuine. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 388372**

NICE looking solvent male, OHAC/business, lovely personality, very honest, loving, tactile, seeks ltr with attractive female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 404393**

COMPANY Director 49, looking for younger woman for fun, friendship and to spoil. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 404341**

41YR old genuine, loving, single male, seeking similar female to share special times, hopefully LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 372621**

TREVOR 52, likes running, seeks lady to care for and appreciate, show her consideration and love. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 394261**

MALE 39yrs young, 6ft 2ins attractive mixed race, GSOH, likes nights in/out, sports, seeks lady 30-45 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 404167**

TALL country male, 63, solvent, OHAC, seeks female, 55-63 for lasting friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 369187**

MALE 60's, 6ft, N/S, nice looking, likes music, dancing, travel, seeking female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 395423**

SID 6ft 2ins, well built, grey hair, moustache, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 401349**

30YR old male, seeks female, 18 plus for friendship and fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 325602**

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SHY gay male, 37, seeks genuine male for nights in/out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3778 Box No: 346464**

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More firms taking on apprentices

MORE businesses in the Ely area are now running apprenticeship schemes, new data shows.

There was a 69 percent increase in apprenticeship vacancies in Cambridgeshire posted online on the apprenticeship vacancies website between August and October 2014 compared to the same period the previous year. There were also 590 vacancies advertised over the three months compared to 350 in 2013/14.

Nationally, the greatest number of online vacancies was for business, administration and law apprenticeships (18,940), whilst health, public services and care apprenticeships saw a 50 per cent rise in vacancies year-on-year.

There were also noticeable rises in the number of apprenticeship vacancies within the vital STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) fields. Apprenticeship vacancies advertised online in engineering and manufacturing technologies and information and communication technology both recorded a 23 per cent increase.

Skills Minister Nick Boles said: "Apprenticeships are at the heart of the Government's drive to equip people with the skills employers want and need.

"We want it to become the new norm for people to choose between an apprenticeship or university as equally prestigious routes to a great career. That is why it's so encouraging to see even more excellent apprenticeship opportunities available across the country."

Local businesses wanting to find out more about apprenticeship schemes should visit www.greatbusiness.gov.uk/apprenticeships or www.apprenticeships.gov.uk.

Firm leads the way

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT: Amanda Vigar is based in Witcham

CHARTERED accountant Amanda Vigar is among the first people in the country to receive accreditation from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW) to carry out probate work via V&A Legal Ltd.

Amanda is managing partner of V&A Vigar & Co (Ely) LLP, which is based in Silver Street, Witcham.

Until recently, probate, the process which is required to transfer ownership of property or assets from a deceased to their beneficiaries, was the sole preserve of solicitors. However, due to a change in the law, chartered accountants are now able to provide probate services after passing a rigorous set of ICAEW exams.

Amanda said: "We are proud to be among the first tranche of firms in the country to be authorised under these new rules. It makes perfect sense for appropriately qualified chartered accountants to be allowed to carry out probate work as it complements our existing services such as tax planning."

Keeping the Taxman Happy

Barbara Nicholas specialises in advising private tax clients at Whiting & Partners

The tax return filing deadline has passed and many of us will have cast away all thoughts of tax for another 12 months. We breathe a sigh of relief - we've filed our tax return and paid our dues, so the taxman is happy and won't bother us. We don't need to even think about tax for another year.

Maybe he won't bother us. But we should still be thinking about tax. The end of the tax year will soon be upon us and once the tax year end passes, our tax liability is rather fixed. Not exactly set in stone, but although we might not calculate what we owe until we must, some 10 months later, whenever we do it after 5 April, there will be little scope to reduce our tax bill.

A little foresight is in order now. And without it, there are some nasty traps for the unwary. Will total income just exceed the basic rate band, so that higher rate tax is payable? Will it exceed £50,000, meaning that child benefit payments are clawed back? Even worse, if total income exceeds £100,000, we face a 60% tax bill on the first slice of income over that limit.

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Editor of *Business Car Manager,* Ralph Morton congratulated BMW for its success, saying: "The BMW 520d SE Auto is our new SME Company Car of the Year. It is outstanding on so many levels, whether you are talking appeal for the company car buyer and driving satisfaction for the enthusiastic driver, or the hard-headed detail of car running costs and low company car tax.

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Despite serious opposition in the Best SME Directors Company Car class, BMW reigned victorious for the second time with the evergreen 5-Series. The judges felt that no rival can come close to the 5-Series' mix of performance, appeal, excellent driving satisfaction and value for money. BMW's electric i3 scooped top green company car and BMW Business Partnership was awarded best SME Company Car Programme.

Five-star rating for Skoda's new Fabia

SKODA'S Fabia has received a five-star safety rating from Euro-NCAP, the safety organisation.

The Fabia was evaluated by Euro-NCAP for adult passenger protection, child safety, safety assistance systems and passenger protection, and awarded the maximum five stars in each category.

With the latest Fabia awarded the full five stars, the entire Skoda range comes with a five-star rating, including the smallest Citigo model.

"With innovative safety systems and a comprehensive safety package, our new model is setting standards in its segment," said Dr Frank Welsch, Skoda board member.

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CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK: New Jeep

Cherokee gets 'Trail Rated' new Trailhawk

JEEP is enhancing the popular Cherokee range with the introduction to the UK of the first 'Trail Rated' version, the Trailhawk.

The most capable Jeep Cherokee model available, and the most accomplished mid-size SUV in the segment, the 2015 Cherokee Trailhawk comes with a 3.2-litre V6 petrol engine and a nine-speed automatic gearbox. Fully off-road capable, the Trailhawk is fitted with a low-range transmission including Jeep's Selec-Terrain with Rock mode.

The 2015 Jeep Cherokee Trailhawk with the standard off-road package is Trail Rated. Its 'Trail Rated' badge indicates that the vehicle is designed to perform in a variety of challenging off-road conditions identified by five key performance categories: traction, ground clearance, manoeuvrability, articulation and water fording.

Skoda tops John Lewis in satisfaction stakes

ŠKODA UK is celebrating this week after the brand topped the automotive table in the latest UK Customer Satisfaction Index Summary (UKCSI) produced by the Institute of Customer Service. Škoda was in the top 10 per cent of all organisations across all industry sectors.

Škoda achieved an index of 82.7 to scoop the top spot in the automotive sector, putting the brand 4.1 points ahead of the average for the automotive industry (78.6).

Overall this places Škoda 18th of all the 197 organisations which featured in the UKCSI's findings, among other major consumer brands such as John Lewis, Marks & Spencer and Amazon.

David Allen, head of customer quality and network development for Škoda UK, commented: "Customer service is at the heart of what we do. We appreciate feedback from organisations such as the Institute of Customer Service to validate the steps that we take to ensure that each and every Škoda customer has a positive experience.

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"This month's findings are a testament to the hard work of each of the brand's 134 retailers. I'd like to extend my thanks to them in helping us to bring our second-to-none service and award-winning range to customers across the UK."

The UKCSI is the national measure of customer service, rating 180 leading organisations across 13 sectors. Launched in January 2008, it includes responses from over 10,000 individual consumers.

The Institute of Customer Service is an independent professional membership body for customer service. The Institute's purpose stands to improve customer experience and drive business performance by delivering tangible benefits to its organisational and individual members. The Institute boasts a membership body of more than 400 organisations from across the private, public and third sectors; and more than 5,000 individual members.

Jo Causon, chief executive of the Institute of Customer Service, commented: "Many organisations are struggling to keep pace with a business environment that has undergone rapid change in recent months... [but] some brands are improving customer satisfaction by operating in an agile and innovative way..."

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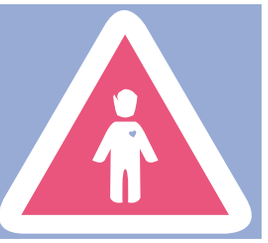

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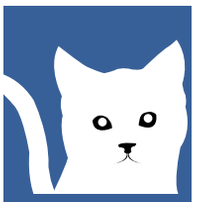

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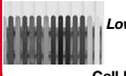

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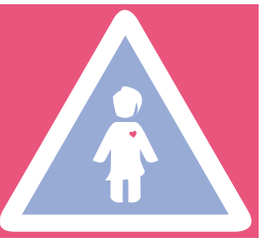

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WINNERS: King's Ely's 80cm class team (top left), Eleanor Fairey clears another jump (bottom left) and Freia Gould performs a routine (above)

King's Ely riders excel in eventing competition

THE Jays Equestrian Centre near Bury St Edmunds is proving to be a lucky venue for King's Ely riders after the school claimed another eventing victory.

Following recent showjumping triumphs at the venue, the King's Ely team proved very strong in the 80cm and 90cm classes.

The course of 15 jumps, cross-country and show jumps, had plenty of challenges, especially with a 20-second penalty for any jumps knocked down.

A total of six riders from King's Ely took part, covering five classes and they entered teams in two of the classes.

The team in the 80cm class of Katie Cameron, Rachael Attwood, Freia Gould and Rebecca Everitt claimed first place.

Cameron finished second in the individual category on Maylands Delight, while Attwood was sixth on Flo Flying Fantasy.

The quartet were joined by Eleanor Fairey, on Tetcott Cracker Jack in the 90cm class, and they claimed another deserved first place.

Attwood was fifth in the individual event.

Everitt was also second in the 60cm class on Rita, while Cameron finished fifth in the 1m class individual contest on Dundee Spirit.

IMPRESSIVE: Rebecca Everitt in action for the King's Ely team

FOOTBALL

Soham announce new academy programme

SOHAM Town Rangers have announced a new scholarship scheme which they hope will result in a consistent supply of young talented players for the first team.

The club are keen to tap into local talent and believe the new scheme will not only help players fulfill their potential on the pitch but also give them good career opportunities.

The programme will get under way at the start of the next academic year, with the club looking to take on 20 football players currently of school leaving age for the first year.

The best five will be offered three-year playing contracts, combined with study at university, but the other players will still be able to apply for university, coach or continue to play for the club on a non-contract basis.

First-team manager Steve Fallon will oversee the training, with assistant Ian Hart, a UEFA A coach, taking charge of the education. Indie Darar, under-18s manager and goalkeeping coach, will also assist with coaching.

"We want to try to get players coming through into the first team," said Fallon.

"We'd like to get people in who'll develop a feel for the club and who like the club. We can get supporters and more interest from that."

The 20 players who embark on the scholarship scheme will take on a two-year football and education programme affiliated to Cardiff-based company TVS.

The students will study a BTEC Level 3 course and will train and study during the week at Soham's ground.

They will play youth matches in a midweek floodlit league and will also be able to play for Soham's first team or reserves at the weekend.

To give them more career options, students will also be able to complete their FA Level 1 and 2 coaching badges.

"There are all sorts of opportunities for the students," said Fallon.

"They will have to work hard with their studies, not just the football.

"And there are other things they can progress to if they don't get a contract, such as university or coaching."

Soham will begin trials for the scholarship programme during February half term.

Application forms for the scheme are available from the club's website at pitchero.com/clubs/sohamtownrangersfc/.

Meanwhile, Matty Simpson scored a late winner as Soham beat Romford with a 2-1 victory in the Ryman League, North Division.

Joey Abbs had put the Greens in front from the penalty spot in the 18th minute but the home side equalised in the 35th minute and looked to have done enough to hold Fallon's men to a draw.

But Simpson's finish at the far post in stoppage time meant it was the visitors who celebrated at the final whistle.

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KARATE

Surridge claims brace of medals

JASMIN Surridge came away from the English Kyu Grade National Karate Championships, with a brace of medals.

Surridge, a student at Soham Village College and member of Northgate Karate Club, was fighting under the EKKA banner at Ponds Forge.

The youngster (pictured) won an individual silver and team bronze in the under-13 age group.

The club, supported by M&C Diesel Services Ltd, is offering free sessions.

Contact Bill Williams on 07776137756.

TABLE TENNIS

Hryca and Brown produce for Imps

JAN Hryca and Ben Brown performed wonders when Impington I overcame NCI 8-2 in Ely & District League, Division One.

They both recorded maximums and then combined to take the doubles against Kelvin Mitchell and Peter Moffatt for the victors.

Andreas Elia started the ball rolling for Soham with a victory over Mark Lillyman of Comrades 1 and his side went on to triumph 9-1.

Comrades' Kin Choi Chan then produced the performance of the night to get the better of Elia, but it was only a consolation for his beaten team.

Martin Spott, Peters Zivtins and Nigel Bates all won two apiece as Fulbourn I saw off Ely II 7-3.

In Division Two, Jeff Catlin returned to top form as he achieved a maximum when Impington III entertained Ely III.

Colin Adams added a further two successes and then added the doubles alongside Catlin to secure a 6-4 victory. For Ely, Howard Middleton beat Adams in a long five-setter and Anne Chambers beat Ena Catlin, also in five.

Danny Bates, Hamish Ryder and Nick Gatherer made light work of two-man Comrades IV as they guided Fulbourn IV to a 10-0 win.

There was a maximum for Chris Rule when Comrades V proved too strong for Countess in Division Three, running out 7-3 winners.

And Fulbourn's sixth-string got the better of Haddenham 8-2, while Elsworth II beat Ellesmere II 9-1.

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Goodjohn goes out on his shield in loss

IF anyone had any doubts about how tough they breed them in the Fens, they only need look at Tyler Goodjohn.

Summoning up the spirit of Dave 'Boy' Green, another boxer with the heart of a lion from the Cambridgeshire countryside, the Wentworth fighter battled on longer than many would have thought possible in his defeat to John Wayne Hibbert.

His face slathered in blood, the 'Tornado' was eventually blown out after a minute of the eighth round when the referee stepped in to halt his attempt at beating the reigning WBC International light-welterweight champion at London's O2 Arena.

But after being knocked down in the third round with a nasty gash already in evidence above his left eye, for some punchers it would signal an imminent end to the bout.

Not for Goodjohn though, who had vacated the English title he won at the same venue last October with triumph over Ricky Boylan to have a tilt at Hibbert.

He is made of much sterner stuff as he has proved several times over in his career already in a series of 10-round wars.

Some he won, some he lost, but there has never been any doubts over his bravery.

Hibbert had stopped his previous four opponents and he came out sharply, catching Goodjohn surprisingly easily with jabs in threes and fours.

Speed of movement is the former International Masters and British Masters champion stock in trade, but he just could not evade what was coming at him from the Horndon-on-the-Hill hitter and was already bleeding from the right eye after the opening round.

Goodjohn looked sluggish where Hibbert was snappy, and it came to a head with the knockdown.

However, Goodjohn refused to give up despite the presence of the doctor in his corner in between each period, monitoring the damage to his eyes.

BRAVE: Tyler Goodjohn (left) lost to John Wayne Hibbert
Picture: Lawrence Lustig

The longer it went on, you wondered if, against the odds, he could somehow just hold out for the full 10 rounds and maybe even land one of those shots from nowhere that could turn the fight on its head.

Alas, it was not to be, and Goodjohn admitted he was not on his game after struggling to make the 10st limit.

He said: "I'm gutted, but I can't take anything away from him. I can't grumble about how my training went, it was spot on, but I got in there and I was as flat as a pancake and he was on top form.

"I literally just had to fight on my heart. Peter (Sims, trainer) talked about pulling me out, but I said I wanted to go out on my shield.

"My last four fights have all been 10-rounders and I've been in some wars and I think maybe it's just caught up with me.

"I can feel little niggles in training and I've dealt with them, but I'll maybe just go back to having a couple of six-rounders at welterweight and see how I feel."

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Bainsfair try seals victory for Ely Tigers

DAVID Bainsfair produced a man-of-the-match performance to clinch Ely a 10-3 win over Thurston in Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One.

The first 15 minutes set the stall for the rest of the game, with both sides making ground but unable to finish off their moves because of constant knock-ons.

Thurston were the first team to trouble the scorers, landing a penalty after 25 minutes.

Ely fought their way back into the Thurston 22, and the visitors were then penalised for offside. Ely took the penalty quickly and Mitchell Kennett crashed over the line for an unconverted try.

In the second half, Bainsfair caught the ball on the blind-side and did well to force his way through to touch down in the corner for an unconverted try to seal Ely's 10-3 victory.

It means that Ely remain in second place, with a five-point advantage over Newmarket.

They are away to Wymondham this weekend.

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